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Plus: Why it's OK to like Wagner;

Europe sends back £500

Huge underspend boosts tax hopes

John Palmer in Brussels and Larry Elilott

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HE Government's beleaguered night when Brus-sels revealed that a messive reductions desmed necessary

underspend last year will allow it to pay back more than 2500 million into Trea-

sury coffers.
The windfall — part of a 27 billion repayment to all 15 European Union members — will swell the Government's European Union members received a much-needed boost last finances and help cushion

tax cuta.

While the European Commission decision will make it easier for Germany and conditions for monetary union, it will also allow the conditions for monetary union, it will also allow the contributor to the EU budget. Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke
— the Cabinet's leading proEuropean — to mount a
counter-offensive against the
increasingly vocal Euro-scep-

tic wing of his party.

The repayment will offset at least half the El billion cost this year of culling cattle after the BSE scare, and will be exploited to dampen anti-European sentiment following this

one of the poorest countries in the EU.

The decision by Brussels to repay about 10 per cent of the annual EU budget could be followed by a further bonanza per year # as arrested the next year if, as expected, the EU continues to spend well below its permitted ceiling. The underspend reflects reforms in the Common Agri-

cultural Policy, and the

to ensure pre-election budget tax cuts.

While the European Commission decision will make it easier for Germany and France to achieve the tough net contributor to the EU budless. The same of the second-largest tax one time the second-largest mar Soviet Union has been tough net contributor to the EU budless than forecast.

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Spending on the poorer EU regions has also declined, because governments have not been able to match EU funding. Although unspent money has been returned in past years, the underspend last year was much bigger than in

any previous year. Germany and France far the largest net contribu-tors to the EU budget — will gain most from the repay"Both governments want clently next year to qualify mission has proposed an every cent saved in Brussels when the selection for the overall 3 per cent increase in

"Both governments want every cent saved in Brussels returned to them," a Commission official said yesterday. "This repayment could make a significant contribution to EU governments trying to meet the Maastricht treaty criteria on lower budget deficits next year to ensure they can join the move to a single European currency in 1999."

Usually, Germany and Britalin are in a minority when

ain are in a minority when pushing for budget reductions. This year they have been joined by other EU countries antious to show they will be able to reduce their budget deficits suffi-

everyone's top priority now is to be in shape for monetary union, and this is showing up in the debate about European Union spending," a senior German diplomat said. "We may have to go through this budget trauma for a year or two bafors we can look again at longer-term spending plans for the European Union."

Confirmation of the big

repayment came as EU bud-get ministers debated the 1996 budget. Although the Com-

governments are insisting on a freeze in the £65 billion bud-

cutbacks in promised spend-ing on social policy, energy development, consumer pro-tection, the environment and development aid. Any such reductions are certain to be opposed by European Parlia-ment members, although governments say expenditure levels will hardly be affected remains well below levels se

Short loses out as Blair tightens grip

ONY BLAIR last night tightened his white-knuckled grip on Labour's shadow cab-inet when he ignored the collective versict of backberch MPs on their performance in order to manostyre fellow h modernisess into key posi. M tions and push lenwinger B

limelight.
As Ms Short was demoted from the high-profile transport portfolio to overseas de-velopment — despite her strong third place showing in Wednesday's 'quickie' shadow elections — two key Blairites, Harriet Harman and Chris Smith, swopped briefs, Ms Harman taking on social security, and Mr Smith

health. It prompted some MPs to claim that Mr Smith had paid the price of his defence of child benefit and other aspects of universal social secu-rity entitlements from Gor-don Brown's desire to target some payments in favour of the poorest. The leader's office said the change was to allow both MPs to develop the campaigning dimension of

There was no immediate confirmation that Ms Short, whose candour on TV had made her a target of Tory Fleet Street, spent much of the day trying to hang on to transport. But she ended it with what looked like a conso-lation prize, membership of a new committee on the sensi-tive topic of welfare to work, chaired by Mr Blair himself. "Clare's been stitched up," complained one MP.

policy wrangles fover.
Labour's response to restrict
vatisation, argued "ahe was
in the wrong job, too technical for a broad-brush operator
like Clare. She will do wall at overseas development". The post was held by Joan Lester until she stepped down for

Given Ms Short's remarks on tax, the need for a debate on legalising cannabis and other issues, more alarming to spin doctors than to many page 11

the move prudent. Two days ago, she walked out of a live TV interview when she was asked about

voters, many MPs may judge

her.
The one counter-cyclical

There were no other changes at elected shadow cabinet level.

But soms backbench eye-brows were raised at Mr Blair's appointment of Alistair Darling, one of the shadow cabinet runners-up who did not stand this we — at the leadership's behast — to be shadow chief secre-

tary in Mr Brown's man.
The air of "Tony's favourites getting promotion," as
one senior MP put it, was
reinforced by the switch from
Treasury team to transport of
another melected loyalist. Andrew Smith, MP for Oxford

Another patronage appointment which backbenchers promised to "watch very carefully was that of the maver-ick weither expert, Frank Field, chairman of the all-

Clare's shortcomings

nock's front bench over Labour's support for the

security spokeswoman over Gulf War policy Guif War policy

1995: As transport

Ty interview after refusing to comment on Tube sticks

Labour's attitude to the Lon-don Underground strike. She said she was there to talk about another topic. The official line last night was that the rail privatisation formula had now been research ord Ms. Short could be moved Blair, sides said how made

shift in the Labour leader's limited reshtiffle was promo-tion of a leftwing ex-minister, the fashionable issue of environmental protection, leaving David Blunkett in sole charge of education and employment. and Frank Dobson with other environmental issues, plus

party Commons social secu-rity select committee to Mr. Blair's work in welling panel. Mr. Blunkett and Mr. Brown will also be members.

will also be members.

Ms Harman had campaigned on the importance of her work in health, and had given no aign that she expected to be moved, despite her 19th place out of 19 in the shadow election after controversy about the choice of secondary school for her son.

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such as herself could pay more tax

Britain

Pupils bid farewell to murdered Caroline



Children carry flowers into St Mary Magdalen Church at Launceston, Cornwall, yesterday for the funeral of Caroline Dickenson, 13, who was raped and murdered at Pleine Fortigeres; near St Malo, during a school trip

Airline fined £150,000 over near-disaster

life following a lapse in main-tenance procedures which could have killed 183 holiday-makers on one of its jets.

The case against British Midland was the first proce-cution against a scheduled, airline by the Civil Aviation Authority, which is reapos-sible for regulatory confrol.

It arose after the crew of a

At Luton crown court, Judge Daniel Rodwell said he was imposing the high penal-ty not only as a punishment for "criminal lapses," but to "make clear to the inditatry that any cutting of corners is simply not worth the candle." The oil leak had been

An engineering supervisor then compounded the error by failing to run the engines after the test.

The men, who were not named in court, were said to



Michael Portilo, the Defence Secretary, halled a 24 billion deal for new defence

orders, claiming it secured 5,000 jobs.

The deal was brokered by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, who mediated between Mr Portillo Clarke, who was reluctant to Isn Lang. Trade and Industry Secretary, and Michael Fursyth, the Scottiah Secretary, agreed to sacrifice jobs in Scottiah marginals for more in crucial English seats.

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N AIRLINE was yes-terday fined £150,000, with £25,000 costs, after pleading guilty to negligently endangering life following a lapse in main-

after have, it not setzed, then suffered such a dramatic loss of power that the aircraft would have crashed, with a high probability of killing everyometorbioard."

The company had maintained that the failures of the fitter and the engineer had been "amforseeable." It had British Midlands Boeing 747, bound for Lanzarote in February of last year, was forced to laince the incident to comply make an emergency landing, with the CAA's requirements. ary of last year, was forced to make an emergency landing at Lutonwithin minutes of take-off when both engines al-most lost their oil. But the judge said that BM's actions since the incident did not change its earlier failures.

The air accidents investiga-tion branch of the Depart-ment of Transport congratu-lated the aircraft's crew. In a report published yesterday, it said that throughout the emergency they had "coped exceptionally well with an unusual and potentially cata-strophic emergency."

BM's deputy chairman, John Wolfs, later said that the caused by "a crass act of negligence" by a fitter who had failed to replace engine covers after maintenance checks.

have been dismissed. The company accepted the court's judge said: "It is only findings. Since the incident, two senior managers had left skill of the pilot and his crew the company and three new two senior managers had left the company and three new managers had been taken on

that the dramatic sudden loss of oil pressure was noticed and the aircraft was able to land safely at Luton.

"Had they not noticed, the engine would very shortly after have, if not seized, then professed such a dramatic loss as part of the restructuring of the engineering division.

The pilot of the Boeing, Barney Reichman, aged 43, who has 16 years' experience at BM, said at a press conference last night: "We needed to get the aircraft down as soon His first action had been to

plan a diversion with the help of air traffic control by bringing the airport into Luton.
"Once I got that under way, we were up against. Things unfolded after that which confirmed that we were up against this oil problem.

This is the second incident in a year involving a BM aircraft Last January, a Fokker 70 plane overshot the runway at East Midlands airport near Nottingham, with 67 pas-sengers on board. Nobody was hurt, and the plane halted 70 yards off the

airstrip.

Close to the same airport in 1989, a BM Boeing 747 crashed on the M1 at Kegworth in Leicestershire, killing 47

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Sketch

Yorkshire: all wind, no water



Martin Wainwright

HE yellow-grass county of Yorkshire may be chronically short of water, but no such problem applies to wind. Huffing, puffing and — well, there is no polite alternative word to flatulence — almost lifted Yorkshire Water's annual meeting yesterday off the ground.
It was hot air too, to the extent that some observers

blamed the howling fire alarms which had everyone scooting into the sunshine after four hours, on a protes from Scarborough tetchy enough to trigger the Harrogate conference hall sensors. Another shareholder brandished a milk bottle of water allegedly contaminated with excrement and demanded: "I want the board members to tell me, one by one, whether

they would swim in this."
The bottle was far too small to contain even the slenderest director, Patricia Marsh; but worse was to come, especially for the meeting's hard-working interpreter for the deaf. His face worked harder than his fingers as he ran through the gestures, or alternatives, for "tosser" and "wanker" — gems of eloquence from a Glaswegian Yorkshireman, Andrew Gibson.

"You will remember my name," said Mr Gibson, who had the White Rose superzeal more usually found in converts than the true-born.

The name more likely to be remembered from the epic proceedings — at least twice the usual length for big AGMs is Brandon Gough, the firm's new part-time chairman who had been billed as Shareholders' Victim Numb One. Why does he live in Kent? Why is he working only two days a week and — much worse — only one in York-shire? Why is he being paid £120,000? Everyone was lick-

ing their lips. But helped by the whacky overkill of some of the protest-

First night

'Comedy' bears

strange fruit

Michael Billington

Troilus and Creesida

Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford upon Avon

AN Judge is the Royal

Shakespeare Company's specialist in feel-good

comedy. But how, one wondered,

would he tackle that splen-didly bilious cynic's fliad, Troilus and Cressida? The

great confidence and gather-ing awareness of the play's

At first, I had grave doubts.

Judge's statement in the pro-

gramme that he sees the play as a comedy bore strange fruit

Clive Francis plays the ring-leted Pandarus as if he were

Frankie Howerd in a camp sit-

busy in a way that obscured the density of their arguments

moral honour. But when it gets to the heart

of the matter, Judge's produc-

ness of time which is the noun

You see this most clearly in

relationship between the titu-

Victoria Hamilton's Cres-

sida, in particular, is a remarkable creation. At first,

she is all pert sweetness and

But, in the course of her

night with Troilus, she grows

giddy sexual expectation.

which reverberates through

the tragic declension of the

lar protagonists.

tion calms down; and what it

brings out, with growing as-

surance, is the destructive-

The scene-setting Prologue

was delivered by Richard

McCabe as if he were a TV

com called Up Phrygia. And the great scenes of de-bate among the Greeks and

Trojans were relentlessly

about military tactics and

warm-up man.

short answer is: with

sombreness of mood.

ing shareholders, Mr Gough began to answer the last ques tion by the way he dealt with the first two. His magic moment came when YW's tormentor Ann Simpson from Pirc, the influential invest-

ment consultant which bad-

fairyed the AGM by attacking

Part-timer Gough" earlier

this week, rose to expand on the point. However brilliant, how could Gough hope to rescue the firm's battered reputation, she asked, when his wor on three other company boards and as chairman of tw major quangos left him only two days a week? The chair-man replied that he would manage, tempering his self-confidence with the charm taught at Douai and Jesus Col

lege, Cambridge; and then he slipped in the sting.
"I was sorry," he said, "that when I went with Brian Wilson (YW's finance director) to discuss this with Pirc, Ms Simpson was unable to be there." Ms Simpson fell into the trap with all the inevitability of the late lamented Trevor Newton, the former, I-wash-in-a-hasin-and-shower-in-Northumberland managing director of Yorkshire Water.

"I was at the British Aeropace annual meeting," she lustered. "Then perhaps." Gough got in quickly, "It is you who may be taking on too many responsibilities

Another hint of why the man's free-market price is £120,000 for 104 days a year emerged, when consumer group Waterwatch's share holder resolution ran into drafting difficulties.
Mr Gough suggested alternative wording for his critics'

amendment with every appearance of interest and en-thusiasm. Unlike the stony old YW board, who grimly formed a square and fired in unison when attacked, he ther had a polite disagreement with Mr Plimley and another director, lost the argument, admitted he was wrong — and picked up bundles of Brownie

points from the floor. Yorkshire's 18 months of di-Yorkshire's 18 months of di-saster may yet continue, but Gough & Co ended with the small, opinionated sharehold-ers—the only people who come to these meetings— backing them in the day's votes. The huge invisible bat-tallens of the institutional talions of the institutional

into womanly maturity which is shattered when she is cruelly traded for a Greek.

£4bn weapons deal brings peace to warring Cabinet and promises jobs and votes in Tory marginals Heseltine ends MoD fight

David Hencke and Michael White

VE THOUSAND jobs in the defence industry were saved last night when Michael Heseltine, d a £4 billion deal for new orders between warring Cabinet colleagues which was designed to win votes ahead of the election and pay the bills long after it.

After two tough-talking Whitehall meetings chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister sort out a dispute between to sort out a dispute between the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, and his for-mer boss, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, a smiling Mr Portillo took to the radio and television studios to proclaim a coded Whitehall version of

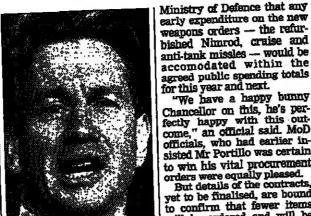
"We have got a lot of Brit-ish winners, about 5,000 British jobs altogether. They are spread all over the country— England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland."

He said: "It provides jobs and it provides the opportu-nity for our servicemen to date equipment to fight well into the 21st century, to be kept safe and to be effective in the job they have been given. There's no cause for anyone to be angry But behind the hype Mr

Portillo and Mr Clarks have been fighting a war over whether to spend £2 billion on refurbishing the ageing Brit-ish Aerospace Nimrod reconnaissance aircraft with new engines, wings and modern avionics from Bosing or buy a new Lockheed Orion with new GEC avionics. Lockheed had hoped a further delay would allow them to make a

Mr Heseltine is said to have forced British Aerospace to combine with GEC and Boeing if they wanted to win the deal — pushing Lockheed out into the cold.

The electoral consequences are enormous - since many | wanted: a promise from the | carpet."



Ministers divided on spending: Michael Portillo (above) and Kenneth Clarke

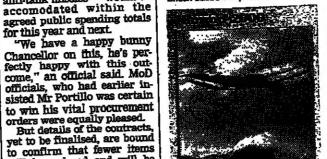


workers in Conservative marginals in Lancashire, the outh East and the Country will benefit.

But by dropping Lockheed workers in some of the few Tory marginal seats in Edin-burgh and Ayr will lose out. In the end, Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secre-tary, and Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, decided to sacrifice Tory voters in Scotland to belp a larger number in North West

England. Treasury officials insisted they had got what they

early expenditure on the new weapons orders - the refur-



igraded version of the mind MR2. New BMW/Rolls Royce engines. Large part of

16 Flight refuelling.

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· Capable of detecting the latest 'quiet' submerines and stealith

to be agreed. The airlaunched cruise — the Conventionally Armed Stand Off Missile — and the anti-tank missile — the Advanced Air-launched — Anti-armour Weapon — are key weapons providing vital capability. The Government will buy Storm Shadow missiles from

British Aerospace Dynamics, in a move which Mr Portillo said would provide the RAF with a highly capable standoff missile. This order will directly special and defence rectly sustain 1,600 defence industry jobs and the anti-tank missile order some 700 jobs. GEC also benefits from the missile orders. David Clark, the shadow de

We have a happy bunny

yet to be finalised, are bound

to confirm that lewer mems will be ordered and will be purchased later rather than sooner. A Labour chancellor may be left to pick up the bill.

fence secretary, welcomed the announcement. But he added: "It is unfortunate that Por tillo and Clarke have been playing politics with people's

Paddy Ashdown, the Lib eral Democrat leader, said: "I am delighted that the Government has finally got over its internal squabbles and an-nounced these orders. The size of the order is probably only exceeded by the amount of blood on Mr Heseltine's

Contracts to build two new missile systems and to rebuild the Nimrod surveillance aircraft have been awarded to British-based contracts to build two new missile systems and to rebuild the Nimrod surveillance aircraft have been awarded to British-based companies in a deal worth some £3.5bn over ten years, securing 5,000 jobs around the country.



and Harrier aircraft.

armour Weapon (AAAW). Anti-tank and anti-amoured

'Fire and forget' - uses rad

Launched from RAF Tomado

and pre-programmed data to ek enemy tanks. Should sustain some 700 jobs.



Wini cruise missile'

 Launched from RAF Tomado and Harrier aircraft. Should sustain some 1,600

Where the jobs are 1 RNAD, Beith 2 GEC, Edinburgh 3 Royal Ordnanca, Chose Brimstone 7 RNAD, Beith # GEC, Edinbi ▲ Nimrod 200 13 Rolls Royce Derby 14 Lucas, Birminghar 15 Dunlap, Covenity

Nationwide rate cut turns the shareholders were not needed screw on banks

0.25 per cent to 6.49 per cent but the society's savers are likely to pay the price.
Banks claimed the Nation-

The great scene when she is ardently besieged by Diomedes is played on a note of remulous uncertainty which climaxes in a heart rending cry of "Troilus", followed by wift and abrupt "farewell." Joseph Fiennes's Troilus is no less the victim of implacable circumstance and time. He brings to the role a fiery im-petuosity, which is evidenced as much by the way he draws his sword on the mocking Dio-medes as by his passion for

And, by the end, he has And, by the end, he has lapsed into an armour-plated cynicism. You feel that both he and his lover are as ruined as the patched-up, rusty corrugated walls of John Gunton's Tears ter's Troy.

Judge's production, after an uncertain start, matches Shakespeare's unsparing por trait of the decline of love, hon-

our, valour, chivalry.

But if any performance epitomises the play's mood, it is, for once, not that of Thersites but the superb Ulysses of Philip Voss. He sums up, through his Machiavellian tactics to get Achilles on to the field, the corrosive cynicism that pervades the action.

Judge stages the final battle scenes, under a blood-red sun, excitingly, and as the dead body of Louis Hilyer's Hector is raised aloft on a forest of spears, you feel that Homeric heroism has become a pointless anachronism. As the wasted, diseased Pandarus spits out his final curses, you feel the play has come full circle and that what started as jaunty comedy has ended as a dispirited view of the devour-

ing tyranny of time. This review appeared in later editions yesterday

HE mortgage price war between banks and building societies inten-stried yesterday when the Nationwide building society cut its standard variable rate by

wide was simply playing "catch-up" after last month's "catch-up" after last month's quarter point base rate cut, and the country's two largest mortgage lenders, the Halifax and the Abbey National, said they had no plans to follow.

But the move leaves Nationwide at least 0.5 per cent cheaper than most of its rivels and summerters of mu-

rivals, and supporters of mu-tuality claimed the announcement as proof of building societies "turning the screw" on the banks and those societies with plans to float on the tock market. The rate cut is the second

under Nationwide's £200 million campaign to compete with the Halifax, Woolwich Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock, which all intend to convert to banks within the next couple of years, offering customers large cash bonuses and share

payouts.
When the rate cut takes effect on September 1, Nationwide customers with a £60,000 repayment mortgage vill benefit by £8.56 a month, and by £11.56 if they have an interest-

Nationwide's chief executive, Brian Davis, said the mortgage rate differential had increased the society's market share "significantly" from last year's 7 per cent slice of total mortgage lending. "Borrowers and savers are beginning to understand the debate about the benefits of mutuality and that they really are better off financially with a building society." The Nationwide's action

drew support from some of its building society rivals. John Wrigles worth, director of strategy at the Bradford & Bingley, said that the banks would not be able to keep nace with mortage rate cuts. pace with mortgage rate cuts.
They are between a rock and a hard place. Their borrowers will be clamouring for lower rates, but the banks can't go any lower, because sharehold-ers don't want profits to fall."

Building society analyst Rob Thomas, of stockbroker UBS, said that the £2.18 billion reserves announced by Nationwide last month will enable it to sustain the mortgage rate differential. There was a time when the Nationwide was considered to be an also-ran, but the banks and other societies are taking notice of these rate cuts."

The converting mutuals are under less pressure to cut their mortgage rates while their customers are "lockedin", waiting for conversion bonuses. But Mr Thomas believes many of the remaining societies, such as Bradford & Bingley and the Yorkshire, will be forced to follow.

In recent months, building societies have begun to claw back mortgage market share from the banks. But while borrowers are enjoying the lowest mortgage rates in 30 years, savers are suffering some of the lowest savings rates in more than 50 years. Mr Davis conceded that to "balance the books". Nationwide savers should expect a small cut in savings rates at the beginning of September. The housing market received a further fillip yes-

terday when figures released by the Inland Revenue showed that seasonally ad-justed home sales in England and Wales during June increased by more than 1 per cent to reach a 15-month high

Warning on cheap loans,

Life for private eye's killer wife snatching tug-of-love children

23 GEC, Edinburgh

'Cold-hearted' woman's lack at inquest was give-away in case of 'gruesome' contract killing which was set up in South Africa



PRIVATE investigator's wife, who hired iwo hitmen to bludgeon her husband to death, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. Ethel Anne Trigwell, aged

43, had ensured she was thousands of miles away in her na-tive South Africa, where she took regular trips to meet her lover under cover of visiting her daughter, at the time of the killing. But Birmingham crown court was told that she had carefully planned Barry Trigwell's death so that she could collect a £400,000 payout from his life insurance

Yesterday the jury decided after 14 hours of deliberation that Mrs Trigwell was guilty of murder. The judge, Mr Justice Nelson, told her, as she sat impassively in the dock. "This was a cold, calculated offerce a chilling murder offence, a chilling murder. You inspired and planned the death of your husband and you were actively involved in ensuring the killers were able to perform their gruesome

The two alleged hitmen and a South African nightclub owner, whom police say was involved in the conspiracy. have not been brought to trial because there is no extradi-tion treaty between Britain and South Africa. Police arrested Mrs Trigwell when she returned to the UK for the in-

Len Trigwell with his wife and daughter Julie at the court quest into her husband's | from a previous marriage, but

death.

Detective Superintendent
Ken Evans, who led the murder inquiry, after the trial described the three times married Mrs Trigwell as "a very
callous, cold-hearted woman.
In the courtroom, she showed
no emotion at all. This was
remarked upon by the detecremarked upon by the detec-

tive at the inquest. Inquests are very emotional times, but there was not a flicker of emotion on her face throughout." He added that although the alleged hitmen were beyond the reach of British law in South Africa at present, it was hoped that a new extradition agreement would be writ-

ten soon. Speaking outside the court, Barry Trigwell's father Len said: "She manipulated this crime and used my son as a pawn. She has ruined a fam-

ily forever."
Mrs Trigwell, a businesswoman involved in the transport of medical supplies, had been married to Barry, 44, for less than a year, but the dead man's sister, Julie Armener told the court that the couple were not happy. In court, Mrs Trigwell said her husband was violent and abusive when drunk, and claimed that his sexual habits and demands of-

fended her. Ms Armener claimed the main causes of friction between them were Mrs Trigwell's frequent trips home to South Africa. She said she was visiting her daughter

Mr Trigwell was not con-vinced. Ms Armener said her brother told her he had bugged his own phone, suspecting his wife was seeing her former lover, Jan Burger.
In court, Mrs Trigwell admitted the affair. She had

The court heard how Mrs Trigwell hoped to turn the nature of her husband's business to her advantage. Mr Trigwell held a second passport in a different name and was investigating the

on the night her husband

laundering of drug money and monitoring the importa-tion of arms in the Seychelles at the time of his death on February 7 last year at his home in Sutton Coldfield.

There were rumours that Mr Trigwell had organised assassination attempts himself. He was said to have been involved in "dodgy dealings" with the Mozambique government and was said by colleagues to have relished the back seat.

wife Linda, 28, said in evidence that she overheard their plans for the "hit" and witnessed meetings between Mr Mitri. Mrs Trigwell and Christmas 1994 Mr Trigwell was battered to death with a blunt instrument on the sofa of his rented house in Sutton Coldfield. The assassins' gun had apparently failed to go off. been in a restaurant with him They got into the house with

> for them by Mrs Trigwell some time before, the court heard. His body was subsequently found by a colleague in a half-full bath of water. The South African hitmen had stayed in the hotel before and tried to lure Mr Trigwell to a rendezvous. Suspecting the worst, he had traced the

a key dropped off in a hotel

The assassination plot was

hatched in a house owned by

Barry Trigwell in South Af-

rica. It was rented to a Johannesburg nightclub owne

Alex Mitri, and his wife

Mr Mitrl, who claimed he belonged to the Lebanese

Mafia, was allegedly paid 100,000 rand (about £15,000) by

Mrs Trigwell to organise the contract killing. He was also to get the house on Mr Trig-

Mr Mitri's now estranged

class brothel.

phone number and passed it to his sister for use in the event of his death. Staff told police they had opened a package for the men, thinking it might contain drugs. In it were house keys and £300. The car hired by the men was traced and forensic tests found a sample of Mr Trigwell's hair and scalp on

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£200m emergency plan to ease crowding in prison

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

A £200 MILLION emergency prison building proand to cope with a rapid rise in the jail population trig. was officially forecast.

weeks alone to nit a record with a solution of lignocaine injection. An injection of sum in

gered by Michael Howard's "prison works" policy. It will be partly funded by cuts in compensation payments to victims of violent crime.

The prison population has

lan Katz in New York

AMILD, easily adminis-tered anaesthetic commonly used by dentists and for minor surgery may offer almost instant relief to millions of migraine sufferers, according to new research by

Nose drops offer migraine sufferers cheap, instant relief siderable relief within 15 min- | graine drug, costs £20 and can utes. "The speed with which this works, sometimes in seconds, and the lack of serious side effects, would make this an important new treat-ment," said Morris Maizels of the Southern California Perthe Southern California Per-manente Medical Group, who

led the study.

A dose of lignocame costs More than half of a group of only a few pence and does not have to be administered by migraine patients treated have to be administered by the nose. Dr Malzels stressed

trigger heart attacks in patients with heart problems. According to the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, 29 of the 53 patients proved by at least 50 per cent. It is thought the drug works

vinced. Earlier studies have shown that the effectiveness of the drug falls with repeated use. The effectiveness of the control group was also questioned because the lignocaine creates a numb feeling in the nose which makes it difficult to conceal from patients whether they have been given the drug or a placebo. An estimated 4 million

people in Britain suffer from

'Don't swim with dolphins'

It could be the way to provoke an attack by sharks, warns expert

Stuart Millar on a Red Sea incident

yesterday against swimming with dolphins after a British holidaymaker told how they had saved his life during a shark attack that left him needing more than 200

Martin Richardson, aged 29, from Fordham, Essex, was diving in the Red Sea off Egypt's Sinai peninsula on Tuesday when the shark

Ian Fergusson, director of the European Shark Research Bureau, said yesterday that Mr Richardson's attacker was probably a shortfin make, a relative of the great white, which also frequents Cornish offshore waters during high summer. Makos have rarely Mr Fergusson warned that

may provoke shark attacks. 'Dolphins are often prey to sharks in a number of regions worldwide." he said. "In my view, it is as mad as strolling around a waterhole in the Massi-Mara, surrounded by damn about the risk from

with dolphins every year in attractions used worldwide to promote resorts, although in some cases the dolphins are kept in controlled areas.

Describing the attack from the military hospital at al-Tur where he was subsequently taken, Mr Richardson said: "The shark punctured my lung and took a little piece of my rib with it and a few mus-cles. I didn't really feel any pain. It was more shock than anything else. It let go of me in the boat to come and pick

me up." Mr Richardson said he did not see the shark until the second attack. "It bit under my left shoulder and that was about the worst of all. That one really ripped all my

"I saw the top of its head. I punched it with my right hand and it went away again and then it came back and took another bits out of me — a fleshy bits above my right nipple.
"I was struggling and streaming and then it went

it to come come and finish me off. For sure I thought I was a Although the boat did not

other two minutes, the shark did not return for the kill. His friends believe he owes his life to three bottlenose dol-

son, flapping their fins and tails to scare away the shark — a defensive behaviour marine zoologists say is common for mothers trying to protect their calves from predators. The dolphins continued to circle until Mr Richardson was pulled aboard the boat.

pened, it just didn't come back. Something stopped it. Whether it was the dolphins I don't know," he said. He suffered at least four

There was blood everywhere and back, including one that and I screamed for my friends alightly punctured a lune. alightly punctured a lung. Witnesses claimed that his beating heart was visible through the wounds.

Doctors said he received

Martin Richardson from

Fordham near Colchester

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diving in the Red See. A

surrounded Richardson

Jeen Hotchkiss, from Warwickshire, undergoes surger to save her left arm which was le

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tember 1995

Surfing champion Andrew Carter becomes the only man to survive a double attack by a great white, but his best friend is exten alive. Center's leg was bitten to the bone from hip to lenes.

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group of dolphins

to protect him. He is

more than 200 stitches and may have to have a skin graft above his right nipple. Although only one in three victims survive a shark attack, Mr Richardson is the

second Briton to do so in the last four months. In March, Jean Hotchkiss, aged 47, from Warwickshire, underwent four hours of micro-surgery to save her left arm after she tore free from a tiger shark off Australlia's Great Barrier

Only five or six out of 350 species of shark are known to attack swimmers. The most langerous are the white, the bull, and the tiger species.
Figures for shark attacks
are unreliable because tourist

esorts are afraid to report incidents. According to the SSRB, about 30 attacks are reported worldwide each year, of which around 25 per cent are fatal. But in the Mediterranean, 48 of the 60 con-firmed incidents since 1900 have been fatal, and probably the work of great whites. White sharks hunt by get

ting to the least linear dis-tance from their prey — often directly underneath — then swinging up vertically to hit the prey with so much force that it comes straight out of

Burundi government Coup has led to fears of mass

Army ousts

blood-letting, Chris McGreal in Bujumbura reports

URUNDI'S mainly Tutsi army seized control of this vio-lence-racked central African country yesterday, deposed the civilian coalition government which included moderate Butus, and defied the outside world to do its

"Burundi is not going to be colonised again. This is an in-

Antar trincising deep invisions within the Hutu-Tutsi coalition, and its inability to tackle the civil war, the military suspended the parliament and political parties. It also took control of state

former military dictator, Pierre Buyoya, was declared

president.

Bursts of heavy gunfire echoed through the capital,
Bujumbura, and armoured personnel carriers packed with troops rolled into the

city centre.
Although the takeover was apparently bloodless, the instability that may follow could plunge the country into an intensified bout of bloodletting similar to that which produced genocide in Rwanda in 1994.

min Sinzoyiheba, said the military had stepped in be-cause the deposed president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, had effectively resigned after seeking sanctuary in the American ambassador's resi-dence on Wednesday because he feared assassination. The army said the former president would not be harmed if

protection.
The OAU secretary-general. Salim Ahmed Salim, threat-ened military intervention, although he did not say who would lead it "Any attempt to take over power through illegal means will not be accepted by Africa and will be met by military force."

The UN spokeswoman, Syl-

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vana Foa, said: "The secre-tary-general [Boutros Bou-tros-Ghali] strongly urges all concerned to uphold the con-stitution and to bear in mind that the international community will on no account accept a change of government by force or other illegitimate means in Burundi."

Ms Foa said Mr Boutros-Ghali supported calls for a regional summit to be ur-gently convened to discuss Belgium and France both said last night that they were watching the situation closely but neither had any immediate plans to intervene. There are more than 300 Belgians in Department 100 March 150 Burundi, 200 French, and 150 Britons, under Belgian con-sular protection. Bujumbura's streets started

to empty after lunch when state radio broadcast a warning to people to stay at home.

A grenade explosion sent people fleeing from the mar-ket. Soldiers appeared, telling people to get off the streets. International phone lines were cut, and military road-blocks were thrown up. Shortly afterwards, the

radio announced that the Tutsi prime minister, Antoine Nduwayo, had resigned after his party pulled out of the ruling coalition and the administration had collapsed. are not going to be governed by foreigners," an army spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Longin Minani, said as the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) condemned the coup and threatened intervention.

After criticising deep divisions within the Futu-Tutsi upon and the real power in the prime minister's mainly and the real power in the prime minister's mainly and the real power in the prime minister's mainly and the real power in the government and the real power in the prime minister the army portrayed itself as having stepped in to save the situation, there is little doubt that the prime minister's mainly and the army portrayed itself as having stepped in to save the situation, there is little doubt that semior officers conspired with the prime minister's mainly portrayed itself as having stepped in to save the situation, there is little doubt that semior officers conspired with the prime minister's mainly and the prime minister's mainly stepped in the prime mi the prime minister's mainly
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second-largest in the government and the real power in
the administration.

army vigorously opposed a plan for a regional military force to subdue the slaughter radio, banned demonstrations of civilians by the largely and strikes, imposed a 7pm curfew, temporarily cut telephone links, and closed the airport and land borders. A military with the pretext it

needed to seize power. But there were signs that the army itself is divided over the handling of the coup. The defence minister said

Major Buyoya had been named as interim president because he had tried to unite Burundians by permitting the first free election three years ago, which he lost. The win-ner, Burundi's first Hutu president, Melchior Ndadaye, was assassinated a few months later, sparking the civil war which has killed an estimated 150,000.

Maj Buyoya would be more acceptable to Burundi's neighbours, and to some of the Hutu majority.

But the coup was ately denounced by Maj Buyoya's arch rival - the man he overthrew in 1987, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza Mr Bagaza said the coup would lead to serious violence because his supporters would not ac-Earlier in the day, Tutsi stu-dents had demonstrated, demanding a coup but denounc ing Major Buyoya as too sympathetic to Hutus.

Mr Ntibantunganya was be-lieved to be still sheltering in the American ambassador's residence last night. According to his aides, he sought US protection on Tuesday after chief of staff that the militar could not guarantee his safety. Earlier in the day, the president had been stoned by a mob of Tuisis at a mass funeral for victims of a mass cre by Hutu rebe

Most cabinet ministers from the deposed president's party have sought shelter in other Western missions.

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Unhappy families . . . John and daughter Diana: "The way I see it is that there is nothing to choose between the two sides." Dolores with daughter Martine and sons Mark and Jim. They were forced out as "Taigs"

Families find refuge from hatred of the Ulster mobs

Peter Hetherington visits a Belfast hostel which is offering sanctuary to victims of sectarianism forced out of their homes

in a large, anonymous hostel — a haven of last resort — beside the enduring peace line separating two cultures.

Thrown, or burned, out of their homes this month by baying mobs, the displaced families of Belfast can only reflect on the days before this month's marching season when Protestant and Catholic nen Protestant and Catholic said: "People you chatted to emed on the friendliest of in the street suddenly didn't

HEY wait nervously terms in the Old Park area. in a large, anonymous thought — a haven of they all spoke to you, nobody asked any questions about your background," recalled Martine, aged 19, cradling her two-year-old son. "It was bril-liant. We all thought things were really changing for the

But the mood soon changed Martine's mother, Dolores.

want to know. They just | fast where others, like Jackie looked the other way, ignored | and John, had sought shelter.

The mob didn't ignore the family for much longer. Dolo-res said: "I was making the children something to eat when there was this knock on the door. Two men with scarves over their faces ap-peared, with two cans of petrol. They said: 'We don't want Taigs in this area during the marching season. If you're not out in a hour we'll burn you out'. They wouldn't listen

So the Catholic family, five children and three adults, left in two taxis and found their

and John, had sought shener.
Jackle, 28, was born in the loyalist Shankill area. John, 30, from the Catholic Ballymurphy estate, was kneecapped in both legs by republican punishment squads as a

The couple have six chil-iren. "I don't think they dren. "I don't think they should be told what to believe in, apart from right and wrong," said John. They can make their own minds up when they get older.

They were regarded as a "mixed family" in the Old Park area. That did not please the mob. Jackie ramembers up to 100 of them in the street,

singing Orange songs. "Then a child's bike came huriling through the window. John went out and started talking to them and at first I didn't take it seriously. I said I was staying, that they wouldn't get me out for love nor money. The next day they came round and told us we had an hour to leave and I got scared. One said we were a mixed marriage and if we didn't get out they'd burn us out, but two of them did offer

million in temporary accom-modation, repairs, and com-pensation to displaced fam-ilies who cannot sell their homes. "We didn't expect anything on this scale," said to help us pack."
She recalls that a house opposite their rented home was set alight, while 15 other

Throughout the province so far this month, the Northern agency in the city. Ireland Housing Executive John is careful not to blame says that officially 211 familes have been intimidated out of

loyalists or nationalists for the disturbances which cost their homes compared with 22 in the whole of July last year. his family a home. "The way I see it is that there is nothing But many cases are proba-bly not reported to the state agency, which is charged with finding accommodation. to choose between both sides.
It's tit for tat. They don't know what they want and it seems they have been waiting for the homeless. This for an excuse to start month's disturbances have so far cost the executive over £1

Jackie said: "I just hope it happens to them, too, so they know what it's like to lose your home."

Martine said: "When we

went back to collect our furni-

The West Belfast hostel is were outside, laughing and one of four funded by the shouting 'Fenian bastards'. shouring 'Fenian basiards'. They vandalised everything they could and stole a lot."

Soon the executive hopes to rehouse many of the dis-placed families, secure inside segregated estates well away from areas once considered "mixed". The warden of the West Belfast hostel, born in West Cork, is in no doubt that the clock has been turned

wonderful around here recently - suphoric is the only word. But there is sion now. You can feel it. People think it is going to get worse."

Magnetic energy harnessed in fight against depression

Chris Mihill Medical Corresp

REATMENT with magnetic currents can help people with severe depression, and could be a more gentle alternative to electroconvulsive therapy (ECT). neurologists say today.

A group from Spain, led by aro Pascual-Leon, gave gy through the head to 17 pa- aesthesia or induce seizures, over a course of five s

depression which had not responded to drug treatment. Nine of the patients had had

The doctors say in the Lan cet that 11 of the 17 showed a marked improvement, although this only lasted for two weeks.

The researchers, from Va-lencia, say that unlike ECT, the treatment is practically

tients with severe long-term | and the risks and side effects | and depressive symptoms

are slight. They say it is too early to say the technique, called rapid-rate transcranial mag-netic stimulation, or rTMS. should replace drugs or ECT, but further studies should be carried out

Under the procedure, a magnetic coil was placed on the scalp in one of three posi-tions over the brain. Magnetic pulses were induced

The researchers state: "It would certainly be hasty to advocate the replacement of ECT by rTMS, but we hope this study will encourage the development of a subconvulsive mode of treatment of de-

pression using rTMs.
"Ultimately, the relevant clinical questions are whether ...rTMS would be more beneficial than, or at least equally

Tim Radford Science Editor

PHAROAH'S men proba-bly tucked into a perfectly decent ploughman lunch, according to a Cambridge scientist.
Ancient Egyptiens also

carried bread and beer with them into their desert tombs to nourish them in the afterlife. Because of this. Delwen Samuel of the darker on top than under-

| Delights of English pub fare were not unknown to pharoah's men chaeological Research at There were signs of chair from 1500 BC showed some-Cambridge was able to gather enough crumbs from around the sarcoph-agi and gunge from the bottom of mummies' beer flag-

ons to discover how people baked and brewed in Nefertiti's kingdom on the Nile. She reports today in the US journal Science that Egyptian bread had a dense crumb, thin crusts and was

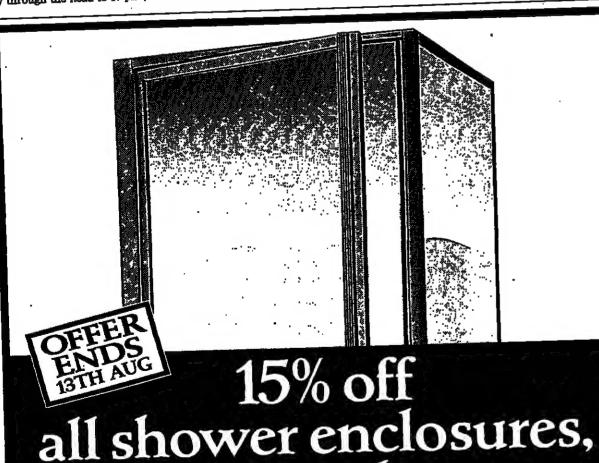
fragments, but some loaves were clean and fine textured. The Egyptians clearly knew about yeast, and fig and coriander turns up in fruit loaves in some

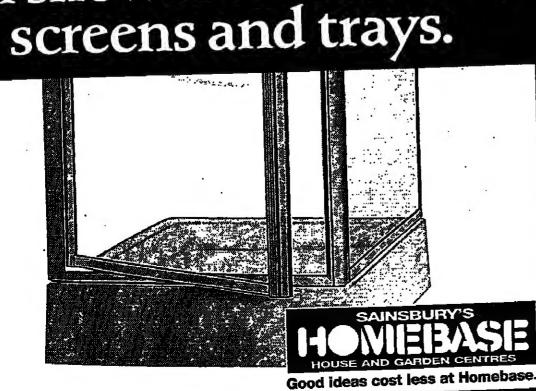
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Beer making 3,000 years ago, too, turned out to be more sophisticated than anyone thought.

thing more complex than crumbling stale bread into water and letting it ferment.

Cereal grains — both barley and wheat — were malted and heated to provide sugar and flavour, and these were then mixed with sprouted, unheated grains in water. The sugar and Electron microscope starch solution was then study of the linings of beer decanted and fermented.





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Oasis boss salutes Sex Pistols

Alex Belios on a surprise £5,000 endorsement of a rival label's reformed punk heroes by the top Britpop group's multi-millionaire employer

ASIS, certainly one of the cockiest bands in the world, also like to claim they are the biggest. But are they the best? It appears even they are having doubts. Alan McGee, manager of their record company, has taken the bizarre step of spending £5,000 on a

newspaper advert saying that, in fact, the Sex Pistols re rather better. McGee, who discovered Oasis at a gig in Glasgow, was so stunned by the experience last week of seeing the reformed punk four-piece at London's Shepherd's Bush Empire that he took a full Empire that he took a full page ad out in this week's New Musical Express.

"I went half expecting it to be part comedy part irrela-vancy," he wrote. "What I saw destroyed my preconceptions. [They] were simply

stunning. Literally the best rock 'n' roll band around.
"It was one of the best gigs I have ever seen. The Sex Pistois changed my life in 1977 to the sex pistois changed my life in 1977. and 1996. If you don't get it now, you would have never got it then. Britpop? More like Shitpop. You're welcome to your mediocrity. This band are our alternative royal opened the NME and saw the

family."
McGee, aged 34, who runs Creation records, had never seen the Pistols before. He went last week with liar given McGee's usual gig was genius, it was mega.

Noel Gallagher, Oasis song reluctance to deal with the lit's as simple as that."

writer and not a man noted for his modesty. "Noel turned round half way through and said they are a lot better than us. That is some years."

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The Sex Pistols, the so-called godfathers of punk, re-formed this year after a gap of 18 years. John Lydon, the lead singer now aged 40, told a press conference to launch a tour and live album that they were doing it to spare the public "all those trashy little

pop stars you have got."

The tour has been plagued with problems and mediocre reviews. Concerts in Madrid and Belfast were cancelled. A spokeswoman for the Sex Pistols, who are signed to Creation rivals Virgin, said they were shocked when they

ad. "Everybody said 'Wow, what's this?' We're not quite sure of Alan's motives." The ad is all the more pecu-

He said he paid for the ad because he wanted to silence the Pistols' critics. "I probably have made too much money. But if you are going to be a multi-millionaire, you might as well enjoy it. If you are going to spunk five grand you might as well do it in

Creation released a solo album earlier this year by Glen Matlock, the Sex Pistol who was thrown out of the band to make way for Sid Vicious. Matlock is in the reformed Pistols, but McGee denied he was just indirectly promoting his own record.

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"It would be a bizarre mar-keting plan to spend money saying that another record company's band is better than ours. I did the ad because the

Welsh singer takes America by storm with her debut single

Arts correspondent

YOUR starter for 10, pop pickers: which British art-ist has the fastest climbing re-cord on the American singles chart? Eric Clapton, at number six with Change The

Wrong. The answer is I Love You Always Forever by Weish singer-songwriter Donna Lewis. Her debut single, currently at number 13 on the US top 100, is tipped to enter the top 10 following appearances on the top-rated David Letterman and Jay

Leno television shows. "Oh my God, that's something to look forward to," she might happen."

says, speaking appropriately enough from Woodstock in upstate New York. The Cardiff-born singer. She was saved from the piano bar when someone from Atlantic Records in New

who modestly gives her age as "thirtysomething", first went to the US three years ago, tak-ing her demo tapes around record companies after having little luck in Britain. Several people showed an interest, but she returned to Britain empty-handed to continue

singing in a piano bar. "I also did piano bar work in Scandinavia. I used to say to people 'I'm not the normal piano bar person'. I would do covers of Prince and Kate Bush. Now I say to myself that I better keep my hand in because you never know what

They were on the point of hir-ing a private detective to try to find me when a friend told me they had been hassling him to get my number."
That was two years ago. In

York heard her demo. That was when her problems

began. "They wanted to con-

tact me but the person who had the demo wouldn't give them my phone number.

the interim Lewis has clashed with her producer, who did not share her idea of how her music should sound, before ending up co-producing her album with Kevin Killen, who has worked with Kate Bush, U2 and Elvis Costello.

Since then, she hasn't looked back. The album has just been released in the States, while the single has advanced without the help of a video. I Love You Always Forever is self-penned, a pol-ished piece of melodic rock, and inspired by the H E Bates novel, Lydia. "Originally it was called Lydia, but the promo people said it might create problems, because the word Lydia doesn't appear in the song. I suppose I'm glad I did change it now.

It remains to be seen whether she will be able to repeat her American success in the UK. If not, she may join the list of British artists who have cracked the American market but failed at home.

Scientists claim milestone in repairing spinal cords

Tim Radford Science Editor

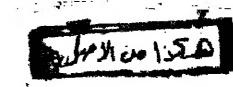
CLAIM by scientists in Taiwan and Sweden that they have been able to repair the severed spinal cords of rats has been hailed by a New York neurosurgeon as "the first evidence that true functional regeneration can occur Olson of Stockholm, involved move their hind legs.

in the adult spinal cord". The news - reported today in the US journal Science offers hope for paraplegics of a kind nobody could have dreamed of a decade ago. The experiment. by Henrich Cheng who works at both of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm and a veterans hospital in Taipei, and Lars

the removal of five millimetres from the spinal cord of adult rats. The scientists experimented with nerve implants to bridge the gap and found that things worked bet-

ter the more they used. The result was, says Wise Young of New York university medical centre "a mile-stone". The rats were able to

Recovery was limited: the rats were only able to stand and support their weight. It could be a long time before the research helps humans. Experts in centres for spinal injury are still concentrating on mechanical and electronic aids to help paraplegics, and testing electrical wiring to carry impulses to the muscles below the injury.



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News in brief

Helpline offer for children

A 24-HOUR helpline has been set up to support former children's home residents who may have been abused by an HIV positive social worker. Mark Trotter, aged 34, was being investigated for five child sex assaults when he died of an Alderelated illness last year.

He had worked as a house parent at the New Hayes Home in Liverpool from 1980 to 1981 before leaving for Hackney, east London, where he became a field social worker. The allegations of abuse relate to his time in Liverpool but coriels earnings.

London, where he became a field social worker. The allegations of abuse relate to his time in Liverpool, but social services chiefs in Hackney have already been in touch with 50 of the 450 young residents who passed through the borough's Trowbridge House, who might have been in contact with Trotter.

Advertisements are to be placed in newspapers appealing for more former residents to come forward. Similar checks are

understood to be going on in Liverpool.

It was only last year, after Trotter had died, that clear evidence of alleged abuse in Liverpool emerged with claims

made by five boys aged 12 to 16.

A spokeswoman for Merseyside police confirmed the complaints about Trotter but refused to give details, saying there was now a wider inquiry.

UK to fight VAT on tolls

BRITISH motorists should be paying VAT on tunnel and bridge tolls, the European Commission said yesterday. It amounted it was taking Britain and three other EU countries to court for failing to charge VAT on tolls for roads, tunnels and bridges. Under EU law, all "economic activities" are subject to VAT unless they handfit from an exemption, a commission stokeswomen. they benefit from an exemption, a commission spokeswoman

The commission disputes the British contention that tolls in themselves are a "statutory charge" akin to a tax, so imposing VAT would mean taxing a tax. The commission argues that tolls are payment for the use of roads or other transport infrastructure. A British spokeswoman said the Government believed tolls were not subject to VAT under EU law, and "will defend this position before the European Court of Justice".

France, which has an extensive surface of toll made. Greece and

France, which has an extensive system of toll roads, Greece and Ireland are also being taken to the court, while the Netherlands is being warned that it faces action. - Julie Wolf

Dentists plead for help

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DENTISTS yesterday set out a rescue package for their profes-sion, which they claim is in a deepening crisis. The British Dental Association's Manifesto for Dentistry calls for a return to a comprehensive NHS dental service, and the re-introduction of free dental check-ups.

Politicians from all parties were urged to support the provision of more resources to preserve and strengthen NES dentistry.

The BDA says many dentists are finding it difficult to meet the mounting costs of running their practices due to government

underfunding. Dentists are under growing pressure to take on more private patients, and are increasingly unable to take on new adult patients in some regions, it is claimed.

The 12-point plan calls for additional resources for all dental services, and if funding is not increased, priority given to children and adults on low increase. It also says the Government must and adults on low incomes. It also says the Government must decide which treatments are to be available and to whom, and calls for free NHS oral health check-ups to be re-introduce

Army rejects drug charges

MINISTRY of Defence officials yesterday denied charges that drug taking was increasing in the army after five members of the Household Cavalry tested positive for camabis. An MoD spokesman said strict discipline and education programmes meant young recruits were less likely to try drugs than their civilian

"Our compulsory drugs testing programme, introduced in 1996, has been very successful, with less than 1 per cent of the 18,000 soldiers tested in the first year of the programme showing a positive result." he said. positive result. The said. (1997) W. (1997) The five members of the Household Cavalry found to have

traces of cannabis in their blood will face disciplinary action, will not necessarily be dismissed, the MoD said. They were caught during a rendom screening two weeks ago.

£8,000 fine over tithe barn

THE owner of a 15th century tithe barn was fined a total of £8,000 yesterday after being convicted on four counts of causing reckless damage to an ancient monument. Luton crown court was told the barn had been subjected to excavations to its ancient drainage

system and septic tank, and the most, and illegal digging of foundations for an outbuilding and trenches for electric cables. John Hope of Wymondley Priory, Little Wymondley, near Hitchen, Hertfordshire, said he would appeal against the convic-tion. He lives with his wife and children in a Grade 1 listed house converted from the nave of the 13th century priory. A 15th century tithe barn is used as function rooms for wedding and other social

Mr Hope had appeared in Luton crown court in April to face four charges of reckless damage. A jury found him guilty on all counts and a further charge of damage to the structure of the barn door was left on the file.

English Heritage said the case set a legal precedent. Its legal adviser, Howard Carter, said English Heritage believed Mr Hope, a surveyor, had deliberately caused destruction despite a warning not to proceed.

Turner to leave GMTV

ANTHEA Turner is to leave her GMTV breakfast show to concer trate on projects for ITV. She ended months of speculation about her forume on the breakfast show with an announcement yesterner runtre on the breakisst show with an amouncement yester-day that she would leave in December. Ms Turner, aged 36, also said she was looking forward to giving up the 4am starts to try to

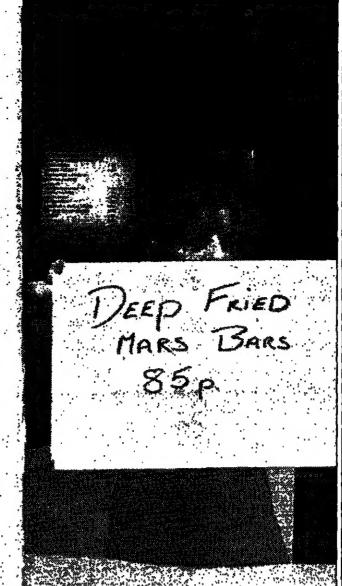
sain soe was noting for wart to give an earlier at a different start a family with husband and manager Peter Powell.

She signed a deal with TTV companies last year rumoured to be worth \$1.5 million, to produce light entertainment programmes. She also signed a two-year deal with GMTV, said to be worth \$300,000 a year, but it had an opt-out clause after a year.

Apology

THE article Mothers of Contention (G2, July 23) suggested that the Director of Public Prosections, Barbara Mills QC "ordered thousands of frozen embryos to be destroyed". This statement is incorrect. The DPP has no such role and we apologise unreservedly for any embarrassment caused by a mistake in the editing





Dining out . . . A chip shop customer bites into a fried Mars Bar. It is all too easy to jump to simplistic answers for Scotland's diet' PHOTOGRAPH: MARCO MACLEON

BRITAIN 5

THE Haven chip shop in Stonehaven engineered the revival of the deep fried Mars Bar last summer, much to the

Sweet taste of success

disgust of Britain.

Here, Evelyn Balgowan who works in the shop, tells the story of the rebirth of a Scottish culinary delight.

"Last summer a regular, Brian Macdonald, who is around 17 came in and asked the boss for a deep fried Mars.

He just put it in. The next day somebody told me but I wouldn't believe him and so we put in another.

"They became very popular, the kids would come by at lunchtime and buy one, and so we began to get adventurous.

"Now we have deep fried Snickers, Crunchies, Twix and Milky Ways, "We tried Kit Kats and Yorkies but for some reason

they wouldn't work.
"They was also an
attempt to deep fry Chewits
but they would melt and become really hot liquid. It would be dangerous. "Now tourists come in and say 'Are you the place

that deep fries Mars Bars' and we say yes and they laugh and then say 'Well maybe we'll just try one'.
"I don't really like

chocolate, maybe just one bite, but if you like sweet things you will really like

them.
"It's hard for me to say whether we should be more healthy, I mean, since I work in a fish and chip

Unhealthy Scots get fat chance of longer life

Ruaridh Nicoll

HE tomato-covered dough descends into burbling oil, followed by a floured Mars Bar. Dinner is ready — deep fried pizza with a similarly pre-pared Mars for pudding. Battering, for the Scots, is a way of life,

"Scots need to jump out of the frying pan into the fruit bowl," Lord James Douglas Hamilton, the Scottish Office

bles while a third of boys eat | Delicacies chips every day. By 15, a fair proportion of Scotland's youth are well acquainted with cigarettes and alcohol. The result is that Scots die

The government study was commissioned after Philip James of the Rowett Reseach Institute in Aberdeen revealed his research into the problem at the end of 1993. "Having worked in Scotland for 12 years, I knew there were problems with the diet," minister for responsible he said at the time. "But I had health, said yesterday. He was launching a 71 point plan." The then Scottish secretary,

□ Smoked salmon ☐ Bettered pizza ☐ Haggis, neeps and tattles ☐ Deep fried Mara Bars ☐ Shortbread Tunnocks tea cakes Chip buttles Scotch eggs
 Porridge
 All washed down with Im Bru

ernment's plans for making Scotland healthy by changing everything from the way foods are processed to how they are sold and finally prepared by the consumer.

"If all avenues are pursued than we will see a difference." to improve Scottish eating Ian Lang took heed.

After a long delay, the pared by the consumer.

Nearly 20 per cent of Scottish men eat no green vegetayesterday detailing the Govthen we will see a difference."

said Graham Robertson who worked on the plan as direc-tor of programmes for the Health Education Board for Scotland. The main thrust will be to move Scots away from food that is rich in salt,

sugar and fat. Robert Kendall, Scotland's chief medical officer, said: "There are fewer people liv-ing on Scotch pie and chips, but we are still lagging be-hind the rest of Europe and we do not need to."

With 21 million of government money, supermarkets, food producers, suppliers, local authorities, caterers and retailers will be strongarmed into promoting healthy

eating. While releasing the docu-

ment, Lord Douglas Hamilton | liton said: "The appailing fact said that the Scottish Office is that, despite some recent realised that it could not force people to change their eating habits, only persuade. Many Scots argue that bad

eating is a mixture between a political problem based on poverty and an unhealthy social attitude. But Mr Robertson argues that many of the social issues are being addressed and that poverty is just one of the problems.
"Rates of death in Scotland

are legendary," he said.
"We're not talking about isolated groups and it is all too easy to jump to simplistic answers for Scotland's diet." The Scotlish Office seems to be getting serious about the problem. Lord Douglas Ham-

improvements, premature death in Scotland is twice as likely as in many western European countries, with over 2,600 people under 65 dying every year from heart disease, over 4,000 from cancers and 700 from strokes.

"We owe it to ourselves and to our children to do what we can to reduce these dismal statistics and change the eat-ing habits which have helped push us to the bottom rungs of the European health ladder.

But it is unlikely that any quick fix can be acheived un-less the fish and chip shops that dot the country are closed, and that is unlikely.

Governors reaffirm Birt's plans Use law on rogue

Martin Linten

HE governors of the BBC decided at the end of a seven-hour board meeting yesterday to push shead with their restructur-ing plans for the World Service despite the opposition. In a terse statement at the end of an exceptionally long meeting they deflantly "reit-erated their belief that the World Service plans would yield significant benefits, enhancing the quality of ser-vices and reducing costs". According to the BBC, the overnors instructed the

oard of management, represented by deputy director general Bob Phillis, to con-tinus work on detailed orga-



nisational planning. The chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, has already agreed not to take any irreversible steps before the BBC-Foreign Office working party has reported on the plans in October.

My World

Service

Shirley

Williams

reports I can rely on.

HE World Service has been for me like the fixed

point of a compass, a way to get one's bearings in the fast

unpolluted by the ideological

stance of the newsreader or

the sycophancy of media

changing world. Here are

after yesterday's meeting. Even the governors known to harbour doubts about the wisdom of John Birt's plans were keeping their heads down.

cowed and controlled by proprietors or politicians. In the US, where I teach in

the autumn, I invariably

listen to at least one of the World Service news reports

carried three times a day on Public Service Broadcasting.

In Russia, where I lecture

every year on democracy, the World Service mounted, at

unbelievably low cost, two ambitious series of broadcast

on market economics and on

avidly followed by hundreds of thousands of listeners.

In Beijing, where I served

on the advisory council for the

democratic institutions.

UN fourth world women's

month meeting was its inordinate length. Usually they finish the business in the which is not going to affect morning. But yesterday the 11 people on the ground very governors present went into closed session after lunch to words from the BBC. stretch the meeting to seven hours as they considered the fierce opposition evoked by Mr Birt's plans.

But there were no signs of | sis in the corporation at the any further doubts or delays | scale of the opposition. His spokesmen yesterday played down the significance of the plans to unify the news

gathering services of the World Service and the BBC The only sign of dissent at by April next year and to "co their regular end-of-the-locate" them on a single site. by April next year and to "co

But there was no attempt to deny that the governors had been taken aback by the

Mr Birt's plans.

After announcing the plans the plan, not least from the in early June, Mr Birt was on leave and missed the meeting but the BBC was doing its the 240 MPs who have opbest to defuse any sense of cri-

conference, government delegates and NGO [nongovernment organisations] representatives alike mentioned how important the World Service was in keeping the hope of freedom and human rights alive, especially in countries blighted by dictatorship.
The World Service has been

one of the few British institutions that is unquestionably the best in its field. The BBC management has yet to persuade the rest of us - and how nice it would be if it thought that mattered that the World Service is indeed safe in its hands.

Iorries, MPs urge

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

Ps yesterday de-manded rigourous en-forcement of laws gov-

The Commons select committee on transport has con-cluded that while the regulations governing HGVs, buses, and coaches are generally adequate, the chance of even the most serious violators being caught is too low, and subsequent punishments are too lenient.

While the maximum fine for illegal operation of an HGV was £2,500, the average fine imposed was only £300, the MPs said in a report pub-lished yesterday. In many cases, drivers were "intimidated" by companies into breaking the law.

The MPs urged the enforcement authorities — mainly the Department of Transport's traffic commissioners to devote more attention to offences where drivers work too many hours or where vehicles are put on the road with mechanical faults — the two main causes of accidents. I total and measured" met.
They also recommended of improving operations.

that the 1991 Road Traffic Act be amended to make it easier to bring a charges of "causing death by dangerous driving.

The department should also press the Home Office to have Infanted righted the property of the property dents than in crimes of

The MPs' report notes the result of a two-day operation earlier this month by 47 police forces in England, Wales and Scotland. Some 5,320 vehicles were checked; as a result, 74 people were ar-rested and 82 drivers were prosecuted for a variety of offences. Seven drivers were found to be disqualified, 12 gave positive breath tests for alcohol, 287 had been driving for a longer period than le-gally allowed and 339 had committed offences involving their tachograph — the device vehicles must by law carry to record driving periods and

rest breaks. In a statement, the Freight Transport Association said that the vast majority of Britain's 420,000 lorries were op-erated correctly and within the law, but the industry would co-operate with "practical and measured" methods

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Creeping coup that caught up with Burundi

NTIL vesterday. army's assassination of Busoldiers decided they had had and rebels. Instead, each side enough of majority rule. So

The 1993 putsch failed when the overwhelmingly Tutsi army and its political allies realised what the assassina-tion had unleashed Burundi's long oppressed Hutus had tolerated a succession of coups over the years because one Tutsi soldier was usually replacing another. Ndadaye's Burundi's majority un-

leashed their anger about success. Civilian government brutally dashed hopes on was overthrown. Burundi's their Tutsi neighbours. The army exacted its revenge on they called it the Hutus. Tens of thousands died. In the past three years, began three years the killing has not stopped.

go with the Hutu rebels and Tursi soldiers roam the country murrundi's first freely elected and | dering at will. The atrocious Hutu president. Melchior level of killing might suggest Ndadaye had been in office a civil war, but it is not a conflict fought between the army

> The 1983 coup had failed but Burundi's Tutal and other elites were not discouraged. Over the next three years they wielded the weapons of - chaos and brute force — to achieve what had been planned the day Ndadaye was

appears to avoid combat in

favour of alaughtering the de-

Yesterday they could claim

was overthrown. Burundi's latest Hutu president, Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, was

hiding in the United States embassy. The Hutu half of the cabinet fled to other Western embassies. And majority rule was finally emasculated The instruments of the creeping coup were the trap-pings of democracy and a well-

population for their safety. After Ndadaye's assassina tion, the army and the mainly Tutsi Uprona party — which had ruled Burundi unchallenged until the 1993 election - forced power-sharing on to Prodebu, the party which had won the vote with the support of most Hutus.

founded fear among the Tutsi

The deal recognised Frode bu's right to control of the presidency and parliament, significant but it shifted a

EADERS of the 150strong British community in Burundi are in close contact with the Belgian embassy, which is offering the Foreign Office said yes-terday, Richard Norton-

tion normally, a new crisis

was thrown up. Uprona cam-

prime minister.

Most of the nationals there are ald workers and members of non-government organisations. Evacuation arrangements would be made if they were required, the FO said. The nearest British em-

bassy is in Kigali, Rwanda.

net and the Uprona-appointed He fell. Then the party decided its own prime minister In the following months had not been enthusiastic Uprona and its coalition allies enough in the campaign against the speaker. He, too, manufactured a series of political crises to stall reform was brought down. and perpetuate the central role of the army. When it looked as if the gov-

The extremists tightened their grip still further. Hit squada began assassinating Hutu politicians and intellectuals, and ethnically cleans ing the capital, Bujumbura, of tens of thousands of Hutus.

Belgium offers to aid Britons dissance yesterday dure slaughter of more than 300 ing the coup, was installed last year with the support of the army and one of the country's most notorious extrem-

> As Hutu resentments fusaid they were fighting for the restoration of democracy, Mr Nduwayo drew on a deep well of fear among Burundi's Tutsis. After the genocide in Rwauda, Burundi's hardliners pointed north of the border and warned the Tutsi community it would meet the same fate if it relaxed its grip on the military, economy,

ists, the former military dic-

tator Jean-Baptiste Bagaza

civil service and media. To reinforce the government's message, pictures of rebel massacres of Tutsi women and children appear almost nightly on television.

But the military ensures that no such pictures reach the Hutus slaughtered by the army, militias and aggricued Tutsi civilians.

Even President Ntibantunganya was accused of backing genocide, a particularly galling charge for him given that the army murdered his wife during the putsch against Ndadaye. Ironically, it was concern

for the lives of the innocent that mobilised Tutsi extremists for their final push against Mr Ntibentunganya and the coalition government. The president and Mr Nduwayo bent to pressure from Burundi's neighbours. afraid civil war could spill across their borders. The plan sent shock waves through the

elite. They saw clearly that foreign troops would mean pressure to negotiate with the rebels and Frodebu, and that could only lead to one thing. Any effective political settle ment would have to recognise the legitimacy of majority rule, albeit with strong security and democratic guaranbees for the Tutsi minority. And that would be at the expease of the Tutsi elite's

dominance. Two weeks ago. Uprona's president, Charles Mukasi, was quite clear about the ex-tremists' intent. "We'll begin by removing the president.
Mr Niibantunganya is the designer of the whole business so we need to handle the prob-lem at the roots. We need another president and another government," he said. Yesterday Burundi got it.

Tutsi political and military

News in brief

EU threatens to quit Mostar

THE European Union yesterday threatened to abandon its two-year peace mission in the divided Bosnian city of Mostar on August 4 unless Croat nationalists accept the results of last month's elections to a new unified city assembly.

The June 30 elections gave a one-seat majority to a mainly-Muslim list of candidates led by the Party of Democratic Action (SDA), but the rightwing Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) has boycotted the forum, claiming the vote was rigged.

In Bonn, where refugees from Mostar were allowed to vote, 26 more ballots were cast than there were registered voters, but the EU-appointed embudsman ruled that the discrepancy did

not have a significant bearing on the result. An EU spokesman in Mostar said its member states would apply pressure on Croatia's government to bring the Mostar HOZ into line. If the boycott continues, the EU-run administration would be wound down, and Crost-run west Mostar would forego £18 million in aid. — Julian Borger, Zagreb.

Colombo bomb suspects held

SRI LANKAN police yesterday detained 27 people following the bombing on Wednesday of a train crowded with commuters in the capital. Colombo, at the height of the evening rush-hour. The Sri Lankan authorities blamed Tamil Tiger rebels, claiming they were trying to provoke an anti-Tamil backlash.

In a statement, Tamil rebels denied any involvement in the

attack, which killed at least 78 commuters and injured at least 450.

"It is not the policy of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to attack civilian targets," it said.

Government forces yesterday re-established control over part of the Mullaitivu garrison, officials said. The rebels say 1,000 troops were killed in the battle for the camp. The government says 300 soldiers and 400 rebels died. — Flora Botsford, Colombo.

Court rejects Biko claim

SOUTH AFRICA'S most powerful court yesterday rejected an attempt by the family of the murdered activist Stave Biko to prevent his killers being perdoned if they confess.

The 11-member Constitutional Court ruled that the "truth

commission" under Bishop Desmond Tutu had the right to grant amnesty to people who committed human rights abuses under apartheid, if they speak about their crimes. Biko was killed in police detention in 1977. His family brought

the action along with relatives of a lawyer, Griffiths Mixenge, whom former policemen say they killed in 1981, and an African National Congress activist, Fabian Ribeiro, murdered in 1986. Their lawyers argued that their right to justice and redress were violated by the commission's power to protect humanrights abusers from prosecution or civil damages claims.

Judge Ismail Mohamed said the court was unanimous in its judgment that the constitutional negotiators must put reconcil-iation above revenge. — Renter, Johannesburg.

Samper proposes 'war tax'

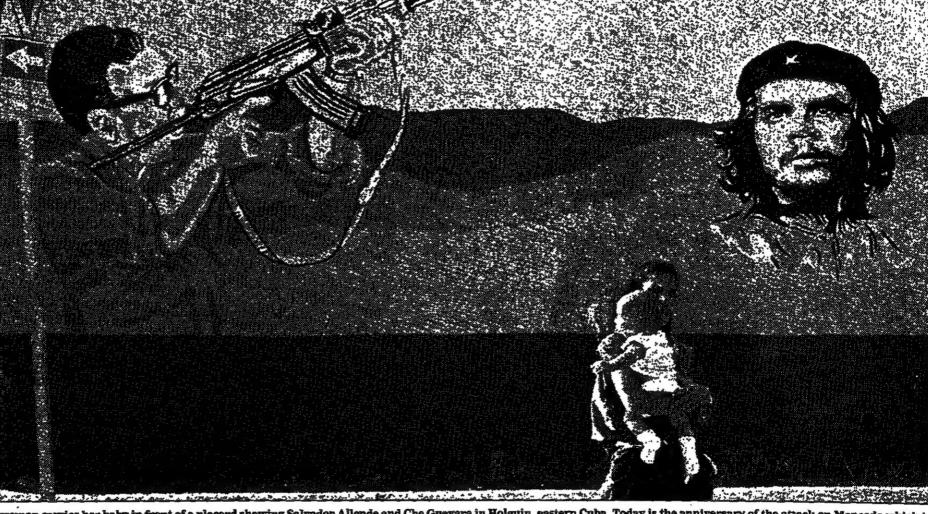
COLOMBIA'S president, Ernesto Samper, said yesterday he will ask the country's congress to approve a one-off "war tax" to raise £330 million to fight guerrillas and drug traffickers. The tax on Colombia's most wealthy people would buy equip-ment for the country's 230,000 police and military personnel,

Mr Samper is under pressure to resign because of evidence he won the 1994 election with drug money, and has campaigned for working class support to boost his credibility.—AP, Bogotá.

Italian minister beats Greens

ITALY'S former anti-corruption prosecutor, Antonio di Pietro, last night notched up the first big victory of his career as a minister when he won a face-off with the country's Gree Mr Di Pletro — the public works minister in Romano Prodi's centre-left coalition — extracted a promise from the prime minis-

ter to build the whole of a controversial new extension to the Authorizada del Sole, the main Milan to Naples motorway. The Greens — who have enough seats to bring down the administration — had objected on the grounds that the project would tip transport policy further from rall to road. But they settled for a deal whereby only the stretch to which they had agreed would be built in the first stage. — John Hooper, Rome.



A woman carries her baby in front of a placard showing Salvador Allende and Che Guevara in Holguin, eastern Cuba. Today is the anniversary of the attack on Moncada which is said to be the start of the Cuban revolution and President Fidel Castro is to address the nation and honour the province for a good sugar harvest

PHOTOGRAPH JOHN MCCONNICO

Crash flight black boxes found New date for war in Vietnam will bring benefits to 300 veterans

ian Katz in Hew York

HE impasse in the investigation into the crash of TWA Flight 800 appeared to have been broken resterday as investigators analysed the tapes from the air-craft's flight recorders, recovered from the ocean off eastern Long Island early yes-terday morning.

recorders were in relatively good condition and could yield information within hours. "They were banged up were healthy," said Bernard Loeb, director of aviation

flight and cockpit voice

safety at the National Trans-portation Safety Board. The breakthrough came as President Clinton flew to New York to meet relatives of crash victims who have be-come increasingly angry about the slow pace of the recovery effort.

spent several hours with the | acoustic "pings" they are sup-families and he was later ex-posed to emit following a pected to announce measures | crash. | may not have captured the plane's last moments. to step up security at United States airports.

Investigators hope that information from the recorders will solve the mystery of what caused the Boeing-747 to explode in mid-air, half an hour into a flight from New York to Paris, killing all 230 on board. One of the devices will en-Officials in Washington able investigators to listen to said the so-called black box the last 30 minutes of conversation between the pilots and

any other sound, such as engine noise or warning alarms, picked up by several cockpit microphones. The other, which like the voice recorder was located near the tail of the jet, moni-

tored 24 different aspects of the aircraft's performance, in-cluding speed, altitude, head-ing and pitch.

The recovery of the devices actually orange in colour
 came as a major boost to investigators, who despaired of finding them after sonar He and his wife Hillary equipment failed to detect the

Divers found them as they

NTSB laboratory.
Officials said yesterday that the "pinger" on one of the recorders had broken off in the crash, and signals from the other may have been drowned out by sonar equipment being used to hunt for the wreckage. Despite the good condition

of the tapes, there is some concern that they may con-tain little valuable informa-tion if the aircraft's power supply failed before it hit the

Investigators say the so called transponder, which transmits the position and speed of the aircraft to traffic controllers, stopped working causes of well before the crash, suggest-ter to us."

Some newer data recorders are equipped with capacitors in waters 100ft deep. A robot which enable them to func-submarine was used to verify tion for a short period ltion for a short period the discovery and the following a power failure, but recorders were flown to the older ones aboard Flight Washington in seawater to be 800 would have stopped as dried out and analysed at the soon as the electrical supply was knocked out

> Despite reports that early ing a bomb or missile was res ponsible for the crash, investigators insist that they have not ruled out the possibility that it was caused by a cata-strophic mechanical failure. With lewer than half of the victims' bodies recovered one week after the crash, some relatives have accused investigators of concentrating on searching for wreckage,

rather than bodies. "The only thing we want is to recover our bodies," said Max Dadi, whose brother was among those killed. "The causes of the crash don't matbring benefits to 300 veterans

ian Katz in New York

A DECADES old controversy over when the United States entered the Vietnam war was reignited this week when American lawmakers voted to bring forward by more than two years the starting date of the conflict.

The US Senate's veterans committee voted to fix the official start of America's longest war as February 28, 1961, when the government says American military advisers began accompanying South Vietnamese troops on combat missions.

The revisionist move represented a triumph for veterans groups who have claimed for years that the government unfairly denied benefits to veterans who served in Vietnam before August 5 1964, the date on which the war was previously acknowledged to have started.

But it does little to any event in the war.

resolve the debate over when American involvement constituted a war, an issue muddled by the absence of any single event comparable to the Japanese

attack on Pearl Harbour. The government initially chose August 5 1964, when North Vietnamese gun-boats attacked two American destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin. But veterans groups

pointed out that more than 16,000 Americans served in Vletnam before then, 110 of whom were killed in action. whom were killed in action.
Rewriting the official history of the war will make benefits available to around 300 veterans suffering from non-military disabilities. Any veteran injured in action was already eligible to receive federal

eligible to receive federal benefits. But historians are puz-zied by the choice of Febru-ary 28. Several academics say it is an arbitrary date that does not correspond to



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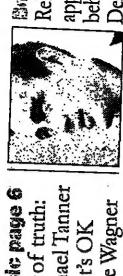
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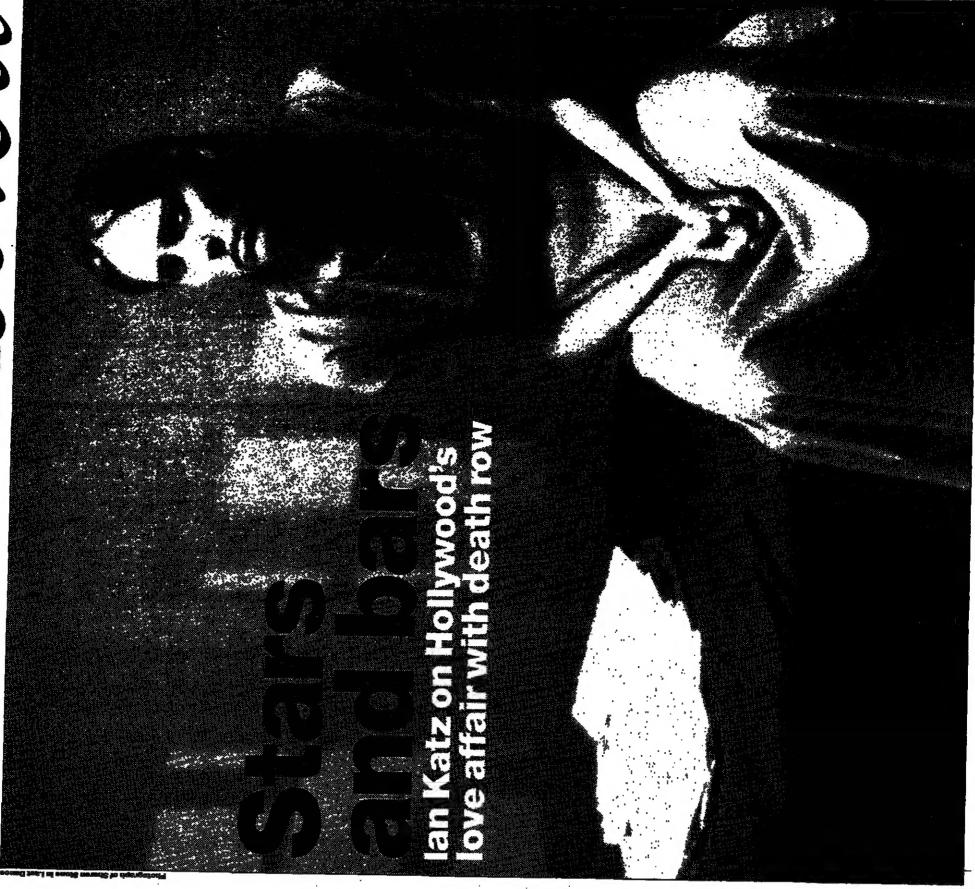












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America is in a hanging mood. The majority of the nation is right behind capital punishment. But Hollywood's new movies and their directors are against the death penalty. Ian Katz on life versus art

at through his last hours. A few months later, aron Stone was offering another; albeit less comling, tour of death row in Bruce Beresford's Last nce, released in Britain next month. A film version John Grisham's capital punishment pot-boiler, The amber, follows soon.

as an abstract idea — but if Americans knews. Holly meant, they would change their views. Hollywood may be going through a spasm agonising about capital punishment, but the evidence that the American public is similarly. The US is in a hauging mood. Poltently chart support for the death penalty Robbins and Beresford would resent the implica-in that their productions satisfy the same appetites public executions. Both films are against the death nelty. Last Dance less subtly so than Dead Man alking. They depict death row's rituals in detail only convey the sanitised horror of judicial killing. They

Last year 56 people were executed in the US, the most in any single year since 1987. The total will be higher this year. But if the anti-death penalty campaigners had hoped that swift conveyor-belt judicial killing would make Americans reconsider their position, they were disappointed. Most Americans actually feel death sentences are not carried quickly enough. Responsition. at 80 per



or innocence implies that the death penalty might be acceptable if the conviction were sound.

But the other category challenges our feelings about judicial killing. In Angels With Dirty Faces, there is never any question of Rocky Sullivan's guilt, but the James Cagney character is sufficiently attractive for some viewers to feel uneasy when he is eventually strapped to the chair. In the 1962 Nous Sommes Tous Des Assassins, the guilt of the condemned man is not questioned, but director André Cayatte wants

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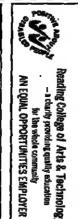
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they rely on the premise that their hero or heroine should not be executed — they do not directly question the morality or effectiveness of capital punishment. Like the swho protest the innocence of particular death mates, their concentration on the issue of guilt

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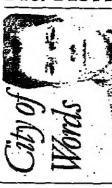
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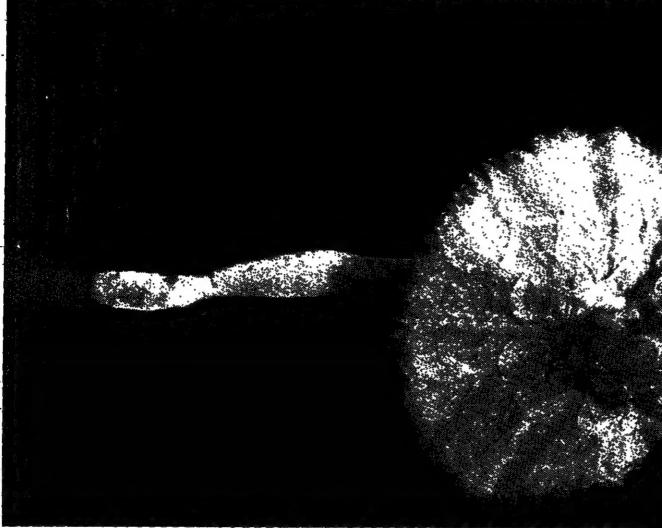
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Rebel: The Life and Legend of James Dean by Donald Spoto

306pp, HarperCollins, £18 Jonathan Romney

nary person in real life,"
James Dean's flatmate said of him. "If anything, he was rather bothersome." In fact, Dean amerges from Donald Spoto's blog-raphy as extrnordinarily bothersome: a poseur, careerist and world-class sulkpot. Spoto's title promises another reverent dabble in the myth of the transcendent bearaway, but by the end there's very little legend left. What emerges is a talented, but desperately limited, young actor with a severe case of what Edna Ferber called "success poisoning". His professional behaviour wasn't in fact so much romantically self destructive as just plain counterproductive.

Dean sounds like he needed a good slap; if you believe the gossip, that's what he liked. The teen-saint purity has been challenged by the legend, propagated by Kenneth Anger and others, of the "Human Ashtray", a gay hustler with S&M propensities. You might expect more of the same from Spoto, who chronicled Hischcock's sexual repression and Laurence Olivier's romance with Danny Kaye. But he pleads with impeccable courtroom logic that where no evidence exists, there is no story, he dismisses the hustler theory as "a trasisy diversion".

Dean's liaisons with both sexes are duly covered, but there's a much judcier story here, of an incorrigibly immature boy trying to carve out an identity from diverse models. On the fictional side, he identified with Billy the Rid and The Little Prince, and pretty much succeeded in turning himself into an unholy amalgam of the two. He idolised Marion Brando and Monigomery Clift; Spoto even speculates that Dean's homosexual activity was parily modelled on them. It's bitterly bronic that the boy who became an icon so much larger than his heroes could be fairly described as Hollywood's first great wannabe.

But Spoto defuses from the starrt the image of the simple indiana farm boy; he lets us know that Indiana farm boy; he let us know that Indiana farm boy; he let us post-war hotely lead of violent crime from way back. He similarly dissects Billy the Kid's career, the economic and ideological cilmate of post-war America, and the commercial institution of the Toenager—Dean first contributed to this invention with an early part in a soft drinks commercial.

There's plenty on Dean's many TV appearances, which mostly seem to offer blueprints for his later roles. You also get the early roles you raily wish you'd witnessed; a gruesome Frankenstehr's monster, and Bor's the ballet master, "halry, found and very very Russian" (that the sort of part that Brando went on to specialise in).

When it comes to the legendary films, Spoto is as enthusiastic as other commentators, if a touch by himself, he can be relishably scathing—commentators, if a touch likewarm on Gleat. But about the boy himself, he can be relishably scathing about the generations of rockers who cribbed his act. Every strummer who ever sulked to a 4/4 beat owes something to photos like the one of Dean pouting to prockers who cribbed his act. Every strummer who ever sulked to a 4/4 beat owes something to photos like the one of Dean pouting to prockers who cribbed his act. Every of actors influenced by him, but nothing about the generations of postwar America. Dean's self-absorption and individualism make him no sort of dissident, but a purely conventional product of his time. "No threat at all," Spoto calls him—"a contemporary cow-

Bookle, by Peter Alson (4th Bookle, by Peter Alson (4th Alson, 27.99)
True-life story which bagins with Alson, 30, staring down failure's barrol and whacking morosely off to videas with titles like Hot and Nasty, who gots invited by a friend to become a bookmaker. (Note that this is actually lilegal in the US, for some reason.) Having been to Harvard, he gets taunted by his sleazy and screwed-up fellow bookles; but as they are all New York wiseacres their banter is incredibly sharp and kunny the cops who finally arrest them having the best lines of all ("We got ourselves an lvy Leaguer: Too many facking doctors and lawyers, right? Let me see, think I'll go into bookmaking"). I could have done with less of the material about his problematic relationship with his girl?head, but hey, those are the breaks.

Nige! Williams (Fabor, 25.99)
In which the gently comic novelist recounts his family holidays in America: By "gently comic" 1
mean that you will not be often troubled by anything so explosive as a laugh. I really don't under-

others to harness his pique, and the first who truly succeeded was director. Ella Kazen in East of Eden. Kazen exploited the fact that Dean was rejuctantly staying with his father while shooting, and milked his filial resentment to the full. Tough on Raymond Massey, who played opposite him, but so much the better for screen legend.

Dean's early years are ordinary almost to the point of parody Spoto shows him entiralled at the tales of Paul Bunyan and Johnny Applesed; he even — in one of those mysteriously precise details you only find in the most readable blogs—has him as a toddler "vorniting a fetid, inky fluid". So much for sura.

But Spoto definess from the start

It was, so I discovered, Michael Root wiso wrote Randolph Churchill's obituary in the Times, and by so doing "broke the mould". Michael, who would not hurt a fly unless it was stationary actually told the truth, and thereby changed the nature of all obituaries. Their motto is now "warts and all".

Randolph was a pain in the butt, a more elegant expression than its American equivalent. As a young man he was beautiful, but a life of debauchery played havoc with his face and figure, and his natural rudeness destroyed what hope of a political career he ever had. He seemed to go out of his way to offend everyone, from prime ministers downwards, reserving his more intense fire for those who were not in a position to answer back — weiters, foreigners and research assistants.

And yet that is only one half of the picture. Foot path tribute to his capacity not only to make enemies but to make friends. Psychologists, brought up in the spirit of the Reader's Digest, were swift to draw conclusions: a young man of spirit, brought up as an only son, in the spenta lifetime treading water:

The "young Winston" does his father justice, never avoiding the

or sober, is one of the country's most profitable cottage industries. The Great Winston wrote a fillel biography not only of lits remarkable ancestor the Duke of Mariborough, but of his father; Randolph, son of Winston, began the biography of his father; Randolph, son of Winston, began the biography of his father; Randolph, son of Winston lies written a biography of his father; Randolph. The process seems never ending.

Winston's book is much better than I expected. It is, of course, a compilation of correspondence, anecdote and minuted information, but is none the worse for that; so, too, were Dr Gilbert's magister lal tomes.

Little Winston, as he is known in the Commons, has had a relatively undistinguished caree; thrown into realief by the success of his cousin, Nicholas Soames, the one-time minister of food and now into realief by the success of his cousin, Nicholas Soames, the one-time minister of food and now into realief by the success of his cousin, Nicholas Soames, the one-time minister of food and now into realief by the success of his cousin, Nicholas Soames, the one-time minister of food and now into realief by the success of his cousin, Nicholas Soames, the one-time minister by a sympathetic party leader, but he did not shine, and soon fell out with Mrs Thatcher over Rhodesia. Ian Glimour, his boss, once said to me that he did not mind so much what Winston

His Father's Son: The Life

of Randolph Churchill

by Winston Churchill

514pp, Weidenfeld and

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Julian Critchley

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"tone". And Winston, who was in the every bit as rude to the Labour of defence from as he was to the Soviets, was never really missed, the Churchill as "Winston", which his greatly annoyed the Churchill bit of all of the Churchill bits. 514pp, Weidenfeld and Nicholson, £20

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The most interesting part of Little Winston's book is his tale of Randolph's wartime exploits, especially in what was once Yugoslavia. The combination of Britain's greatest fighting soldier (Fitzroy Maclean) in the company of its greatest novelist (Evelyn Waugh), and its most disappointed man (Randolph) is worth the whole, somewhat overlong, volume. It is no wonder that the then Serbian leader, Mihallovic, stood little chance against such a triumvirate. Randolph and Winston were not on good terms when his father over some trivial matter. Yet the final chapter of Randolph's rumbustions the book, Frankly, I did not think Winston had it in hun, and I doff my hat. But who will write his biography? Nicholas Somnes?

Paperbacks

stand why this man is thought to be finning, let alone a "comic gentus" (Sunday Telegraph). One can only have so much studied banolity and suburban timorousness (that disease endemic to the middle class which the Germans call "Threshold angst"). It's like discovering that Pooter was a resinger.

ed & tre Edwin Curley, int Stuart Hempshire (Fenguin Classics, 26.99)
Very welcome addition to the Fenguin Classics series, even though some of his propositions seem dauntingly obscure. When people complain that philosophy has, these days, degenerated into a private language, they are perhaps forgetting how long it is necessary to stare at a sentence like "No attribute of a substance can be truly conceived from which it follows that the substance can be divided" before it even begins to make sense. I've been looking at that for two weeks and even now I'm hot sure.

The Purioined Clinic: Selected Writings, by Janet Melcolm (Papermac, £12)

I dlin't know much about Malcolm until I opened this book; she was one of those people who wrate those sadistically long essays for the New Yorker which made one feel relieved not to read. In book form, however, these same pieces (written between 1978 and 1990) become engressing, whether she is writing ebout psychoanalysis, art (shie to say, in 1986; that "God seems to have switched to gray as the colour of virtue") or Kunders; she even makes a biography of Edmund Gosse look interesting.

Auantum Theory for Beginners, by J P McEvoy and Oscar Zarate (Icon, £8.96)
I am pleased to present an honourable exception to the rule that "... For Beginners" books do their subjects no favours. Quantum theory is so weird, after all, and requires so much specialised knowledge, that the lay person may as well get his or her information on the subject from a comic book as anywhere else. There is still lots of hard science in here; and Zarate is a good cartoonist by any standards. I sm not in any meaningful sense the wiser, but that is hardly the author's fault:

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The Wing of Madness: The Life and Work of R D Laing

275pp, Harvard University Press, £21.95

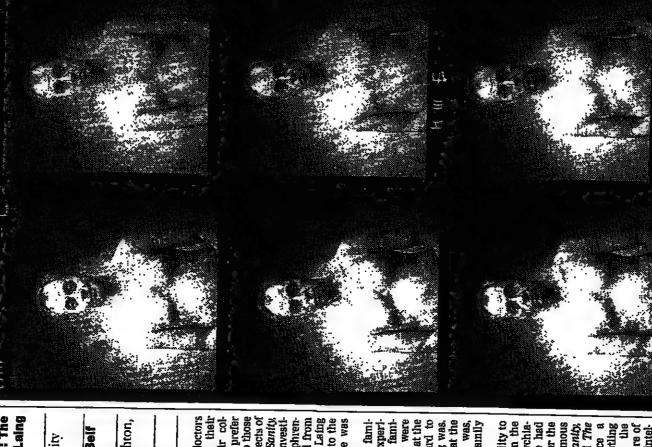
308pp, Hodder & Stoughton, R.D.Laing: A Divided Self by John Clay

Harriet Stewart

prefer the company of their partents to that of their colleagues, and psychlatrists prefer those who are mentally ill to those the familiaes of schizophren-tes to see how they differed from "normal" familiaes. Although Laing clid some useful research into the behaviour of the formar, he was unable to stomach the latter.

"Interviewing the normal familiaes of schizophrenics. They were just so dead and stiffing and, at the same time, it was very hard to describe what the deference between the two was, except that in the normal family nobody cracked up."

It was because of his hostility to normality that Laing was, in the 1890s and 1970s, the only psychiatrists of the became a guru after the difference between the known seens more of a historical curiosity than an intellectual phoneer. John Clay's Madriess and the Family and Madriess and the Family and Madriess and the Family and Madriess such the Family and Madriess and the Family and Madriess and the Romity and heard. He became a guru after the Polities of Experience. Once a Fontana Modern Matter, joetling Shelves, Lalia nows seens more of a historical curiosity than inost most controversal psychiatrists of the Schow why he was one of the most controversal psychiatrists of the Schow why he was one of the normal about Laing's upbringing. He was born in Glasgow in 1927, and only child. Bizarrely, his parents always insisted that they had ceased all sexual activity ages before his conception. His mother while his filling in certain streets. House conceaded her pregnancy from her family under maleyolert is the family and defours through disagow, in order to avoid maleyolert influences hold rubblah was burned as experience. Utili he was 13, Laing shared a voom with his mother, while his labeds room. When his mother, while is a father was relegated to see the se



He wanted 'an entry into some forms of human suffering that the ordinary person is excluded. from: extreme physical wreckage and death'

family as the "dog kennel". His doctors bughening themselves with family did not pay or receive calls, family did not pay or receive calls, and Laing described first going to as an "absolutely exitation as an "absolutely exitation as cholarship to grammar school and a place at Glasgow medical cholarship to grammar school. Laing decided to read medical school. Laing decided to read medical cholarship to grammar school in cholarship and are school in cholarship to grammar school in cholarship to grammar school in cholarship and are school in cholarship to grammar school in cholarship to grammar school in cholarship and are school in cholarship to grammar school in

Burson's elegant account of these early years has a measured thoughtfulness, alongsule which Clay's chattler style suffers. Clay comes into his own in his descriptions of Laing's later attempt to found a community, Kingsley Hall, in which mentally ill people could live in harmony in the company of therapists. Here no restrictive dector-patient relationship would obstruct genuine communication and people would be able to come and go as they pleased. A psychotic breakdown was seen as an existential crisis from which an individual could reach a more authentic way of being, rather than a physical liness treatable with drugs.

The therapists living at Kingsley Hall were for the most part Laing's acolytes, young Americans keen to test out his theories. Free expression was the rule. Formal social greetings were frowned upon and tasks like shopping and cleening wore neglected. The ideal of open access and shared property was often difficult to sustain. Kingsley Hall became a Mecca for hippies, junkies and shared property was often difficult to sustain. Kingsley Hall became a Mecca for hippies, junkies and shared property was often difficult to sustain. Ringsley Hall became a Mecca for hippies, junkies and shared property was often difficult and deslings, he conjures a particular period in history with aplounb. He describes, rather realistically I suspect, a world of Hampstead analysis, taking LSD and sharing houses with new partners plus the ex-wife and dismay evidently provided yet more opportunity for free expression.

expression.

The Wing of Modiess is the more scholarly and articulate book, concerned as much with Laing's work as with the life. Yet oven Burston has difficulty in drawing a legacy from Laing's work. Thirty-six years after the publication of The Divided Self, psychiatrists have found phystological models of schizophrenia more convlucing than environmental ones.

I aling indeed cast himself as a visionary, who was doomed to be spurned and misunderstood by his peers. Ironically, his vision was itself an old one: that by the mere exercise of the therapist's understanding and humanity a person mich. standing and hi might be cured.

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than footbellers. They would have to be saints not to feel underpaid for what they do, nor be tempted by the rustle of movie dollars.

Bussell admits dancers today "are more worldly", though she is adamant that she and her peers are no less dedicated to their art. Mason agrees: "These are rare talents, who are absolutely professional about their work, they don't value it any less." Bussell herself, after failing to land the role in Sabrins, made a decision to fend off seweral other, less destrable acting offers and concentrate on her dencing — "It's

WILLIAM PERRIE, COMMERCIAL ENTOMOLOGIST (below)

"I joined the London Fostival Ballet in 1959 and was a soloist before joining the Royal Ballet. There was an unwritten rule that you should make way for younger dancers and retire at 35, unless you were a particular favourite. Stepping down was very fraumatic. Before the theatre i'd been a zoological technician at University College,

THEY burled Chas Chan-dler this week, and a lot of

Television Nancy Banks-Smith

The strange case of Dr Tumblety

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Michael Tanner says it is now time to separate his personal defects from his musical brilliance Wagner has been accused of megalomania, womanising and providing the soundtrack for the Third Reich.

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it is important to recugate to croots are deep.

In his strikingly intelligent A to Citide to Opera Recordings (Oxford Suniversity Press, 1987), Ethan Mordden writes: "Parsifal is a lie, to Wagner was a sinner: hypocrite, bigot, opportunist, adulterer: "That telling "for" could only have been used on the assumption that Parsise itself on the assumption that Parsise.

we responsible, there were still important musical figures prepared o dismiss him out of hand. But one would be hard put now to find that thinde. It becomes increasingly inflicult to write off someone whose works remain enormously opular worldwide. Whose cycles of constant worldwide. evelopment. Until after the second world war, for which, to read some ontemporary commentators, one night think he was in large meanight think he was in large meanight ere invariably sold out in - more so now than half a Wagnerphiles and phobes THEY LOVED HIM.. le said it was a performance of lenzi which set him his goal of bsolute power.

While it is not uncommon to find a need to cut geniuses, especially self-conscious ones, down to size, that is not a sufficient explanation of out-Wagnerism, since there are other geniuses whom almost everyone rejoices in celebrating. Mozart

udelaire started a tremendous cult of nch Wagnerism.

For Marx, the whole Wagner phenorn-erron was an inexplicable manifesta-tion of bourgeols decadence.

Stravinsky
He recognised him professionally, but
es a highly religious man he disapproved of his near delification.

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ought The Ring one of the most sterous and expensive cha-

In the Times of July 13 1993, the critic Barry Millington, a leading "expert" on Wagner, acclaimed a production of Die Meistersinger Von Nürnberg für revealing "the dank underside of the opera". "In

The obvious feature of both these remarks, and one that pervedes anti-Wagnerian polenic, is the simplicity of the transition from Wagneria extra-musical activities to enimadversions on his art. This would be understandable if he had been a villain on a prodigious scale.

tunists, even anti-Semitas are not that uncommon in the artistic community Wagner never belawed with such extravagent mallgnity as Beethoven, to his sister-in-law, or so dishonesdly as Beethoven to his publishers. But though Beethoven's biographers tend to deplore his irrational behaviour, they never seem to find that a reason to question the greetness of Fidelio, the Missa Solemnis or the Ninth Symphony. So what is so uniquely unattractive about Wagner's character? There is the impression that his various unattractive facets somehow add up to an integrated character which is congruent with his music, or the dramas of which it is a crucial part. It is thought to be, especially by those who have heard little of it, overbearing, noisily emphatic, erothenly charged even in inappropriate pessages, and effusive in a way that leads to suspicious about its sincerity. Perhaps the fundamental anti-Wagnerian argument can be fairly presented in these terms: Wagner is omniprescart in his works, in a way that Strategeneric in the total and the fairly presented in these terms: Wagner is omniprescart in his works, in a way that Strategeneric in the total contents of the fairly presented in these terms: Wagner is omniprescart in his works, in a way that Strategeneric in the total contents and the fairly presented in these terms: Wagner is omniprescart in his works, in a way that strategeneric in the total contents and the fairly presented in the second contents and the second contents and the second contents

will, remarked on by everyone who knew him. This urge to dominate, combined with a charm which he could exercise to further his own ends, was realised by many and even accounted for their willingmess to serve him until, as with Nietzscha, they revolted.

Next, there is Wagner's financial history a spectacular affair. From an early age he was chronically in debt, partly because he rarely had a settled source of income, partly because he never coased to individe his love of luxury one of the traits which earned him most ridicule from his contemporaries, as one can see in many cartoons. Anyone who lent him money was foolish to expect to ever see it again.

His freatment of the women who played so large and indispensable a part in his life is also a subject of self-righteous recrimination. Once more, it may not be the sheer number involved, but rather the ruthlessness with which they tended to get treated. This is supposedly true of his first wife, Minna, to the most extreme degree, but of at least half a force of the recrimination. agner.
There is, to begin with, his over-zering personality and strength of an eventurked on by everyone who

It is far easier to understand the iss about Wagner's anti-Senitism, hich was virulent even for the me (moving from mildly parable to obsessional). To say that imports best friends were was may sound like a weary sence, but it is merely a sign that is attitudes towards leves were consistent. The crucial question whether his anti-Senitism wates his works. If it does, then we are even may so the continues to the

The Merchant Of Venice. But Wag, ner was the most explicit of men, in his tactless life and in what is often thought to be his no less incless art. But how could anyone be as obsessively enti-Senutic as Wagner without its entering his works? The gulf between the life and opinions of an artist and his creative work has surely been sufficiently established for us to attnit that such extraordinary discrepancies are more frequent than the congruitles we continue to expect. If we don't accept that, we are going to lopse brio the circularity of claiming that we continue to expect. If we don't accept that, we are going to lopse brio the circularity of claiming that the Wagner thought Jews were had, and so the villains in his works are lew-six, and you can tell how much he disliked Jews from Wagner's littinged influence on the Nazis.

It might be thought scandalous to say "alleged", but only Hitler was an enthusiastic Wagnerlan, insisting that the functionaries of the dramas which bored them stiff. And if Hitler had taken the thumas seriously, he would bardly have felt encouraged to pursue his policies, since Wagner shows the futility of political action in dealing with the world's evils.

That there are some similarities between the Nazis proclaimed ideal which Wagner may be suggesting in this dramas I am not disposed to his dramas I am not disposed to his dramas I am not disposed to him ing Wagner for their out-landish views. versy into repugnance.

Though it is a crucial question, I believe it can be rapidly answered. If they are anti-Semitic, then that element in thom is coded; they are to be sharply distinguished from The Merchant Of Venice. But Wag-

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SCHUMANN symphonies on original instruments are no longer the navely they wore, but performances of the Plano Concerto with the forces that the composer would have known are still rare. Andreus Stater's account, using an 1850s Streicher piano, is beautifully Judged. He takes full advantage of the lightness of touch and tone that the instrument allows him, to create a finely detailed dialogue with the orchestra. In what is the most intimate of all great plano concertos, every rhythm is sensitively defined and articulated. Hereweghe and the orchestra provide intelligent support, and if in the

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UNWIN'S disc cannot accominodate all four of Tippett's plano
sonatas, but his approach to the
first three is so convincing that he
should be given the opportunity to
complete the set. The First Sonata
is the most intriguing here: plano
writing that has seemed awkward
in some performances—Tippett
has never had any pretensions as a
planist—conveys a very exact
sound world; passages that
appeared merely decorative blossom into life when projected this
crisply. The explosive Second
Sonata suits Unwin well too, even
though he does not always make it
hang together as well as he might,
while in the Third Sonata, which
translates the style of Beethoven's
late plano works into Tippett's own
musical thought, he makes light of
the technical difficulties and

discs devoted to Monteverdi's books of madrigols. Roberto furnitheir attention to the lituralization Alessandrini and his group turn their attention to the lituralization Alessandrini and his group turn their attention to the lituralization works. Cancerto kalkapo make their selection from a number of sources; the most substantial work is a set of Vespers, not the massive and famous setting from hito had an almost inthinate sequence of solo terms and plainchant solo terms and plainchant shere Magnificat here on, and then, in complete contrast, a series of motels that includes some crost cally charged settings from the song Of Songs. The singification of the could possibly hope, and once again Alessandrari demonstrates the inestimable advantage of hearing Monteverdi's coral lines delivered by native Italian singers. (AC)

Classical CDs of the week: Bruckner

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scholarship; in svary case he chooses the very first text that the composer completed. In several cases these Frankfurt performances — of the Third, Fourth, Eighth — were being recorded for the first time, while the set also includes Symphony in Fminor, the so-called "Study Symphony" from 1863. They are fascinating documents, but Inbal is not a great Brucknerian; he gets accurate, involved performances from his orchestra, but there is little sense of sweep or of the numinous intensity that the music can and should generate. Rather than invest in the complete

lassica

Second Symphony their results are sometimes lacking in muscle, the grading of textures and line is always precise. (AC)

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allows the music to sing this

icy reception for blacks in Finland



A broken bust of the Soviet Union's founder, Lenin. lies in a rubbish tip in the war-ruined Chechen capital, Grozny, ye

Prosecutors appointed 'to protect Chirac'

Paul Webster in Paris

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leaders yesterday con-demned the appointment of two senior prosecutors by the Gaullist-led government. claiming that they had been chosen to stifle scandals threatening the president,

Most criticism was centred on Alexandre Benmakhlouf

dubious housing transactions by the Paris city council when the president was mayor. A member of the Gaullist RPR, Mr Benmakhlouf was appointed as an aide to the

justice minister, Jacques Toubon — a former secretary-general of the Gaullist party after Mr Chirac's election win last year. Mr Benmakhlouf has now

been attached to a Paris high that he allotted cheap council court which will decide housing to his family.

As Mr Toubon is a Paris viser during a period of figures — including the city councillor as well as just entire prosecuting hierarchy itigating the RPR.

mayor of Paris, Jean Tiberi — tice minister, the Socialist should be prosecuted for Party accused the governalleged fraud connected with ment of "stubbornly pursuing" the financing of Mr Chirac's election campaign.

Mr Bennakhlouf a tmmedi-

ate superior will be the appeal cutor, Gabriel Bestard court's new prosecutor general. Francois Burgelin who was recently involved in clearing the prime minister, Alain Juppé, of allegations that he allotted cheap council

was now occupied by pro-government officials and thus ment of "stubbornly pursuing the establishment of an RPR contradicted promises made by Mr Chirac to defend the state". The opposition recalled that the Paris prosediciary's independence.

had recently shelved moves to

prosecute Mr Tiberi for ille

gally spending about £200,000

of council money on renovat

Judges and lawyers backed Socialist accusations that the

ing a flat for his son.

The leftwing Syndicat de la Magistrature said the postto ensure government control over scandals that threatened the RPR and Paris city hall. The government action was

een as a response to an anticorruption campaign by examining magistrates inves

AMES was not looking for trouble. Sitting at the nightclub bar, he saw the white guys attack the two Somalis and watched, horrifled, as the bouncers joined in with kicks and punches. Then they turned on him - "Hey, nigger" — and he was out on the pavement with the Somalis. Badly bruised, he was off

work for two weeks. Noor was wheeling his baby daughter down the street one afternoon last som mer. Four or five men ap-peared out of nowhere saying nigger this, sambo that you're taking our money you're stealing our women. Then one of the men pulled his little girl out of the push-

Jos Henley In Helsinki

chair by her hair.

Alsha has had white girls spit in her face; Rachid cannot remember how often he's been hit; Redouan was put in hermital her two plants have been her hermital her two plants have been hermital her two plants have her hermital her two plants her hermital hermital her two plants her hermital he hospital by two skinheads, and then lost the court case. Paula, a white girl married to a black man, remembers the middle-aged woman who helped lift her pram into the bus, then dropped it and swore when she saw the baby's colour.

Emerging from 800 years of foreign occupation and half a century of cold war isolation, Guropean Union newcome is not finding it easy to wel come foreigners, particularly those whose skin colour is dif ferent from the Swedes, Russians and Estonians who make up the majority of its

19,000 immigrants. "It's terrible," said James, aged 36, a dance teacher from London. "I thought these attitudes had died 30 years ago. They stare at you, they shout at you from cars, they assume you're a refugee. When lievable. In the end there's no-where you can go except

Dana, a tall 21-stone body-Dana, a tall 21-stone body-builder and former Chicago policeman, sald he is "para-noid as hell". He lives in a neat Helsinki flat with his Finnish wife, Minna, and haby son. "I'm big, but when they're drunk I'm their worst nightmare come true. They have to fight or they're not Finnish men."

Finland has experienced lit-tie of the organised racial vio-lence that has made headlines in Sweden and Germany. But, said Dana, black people face a climate of mistrust and

ignorance.
"People just stare, all tha

They stare at you, they shout at you from cars and when they're drunk, they're unbelievable'

time, then look away when you canch their eyes," he said. "And their comments! That's what finally gets you. I had a friend who was at the zoo with his family. A little Finnish kid came up and licked his hand -- like to see what it was made of."

There are about 10,000 or 12,000 black immigrants in Finland out of a total popula-tion of 5.1 million, said Helgs Valama, head of the recently established European Union

Migrants Forum in Helsinki.
"Blacks have the hardest time," he said. "The country was effectively closed after the war, it was a very hard life here, and the Finns are worried for their jobs, their

Mr Valama, a leading mem-ber of Finland's 10,000-strong Romany community, believes the government is complacent and contributes to the problem. "There is structural racism in Finland, it runs right through the bureaucracy," he said. "Romanies have been here for 500 years, and our own candidate is still not allowed to head the committee for Romany affairs."

tee for Romany affairs."

Nearly every black immicratic injustice. Housseine, a Moroccan interpreter at a refugee centre in the city of Tampere, said he knows of only one black person who has won a discrimination or

"Some policemen say quite openly: Fight back when you're attacked, but don't hang around till we artive, because the law isn't on your side'," be said. "The visa people hold your passport for six months while they decide if you can stay, even if you have a Finnish wife. If you want to travel, sure, you can have your passport, but then the whole entry process starts over again."

Ole Norrback, the European affairs minister and one of the few politicians to argue for higher immigration, admits there are difficulties. "I don't think Finland is racist, but Finns are cautious about foreigners, for good historical reasons. It's important for Finland that we have more foreigners, and we have no choice now we're in the European Union. But politicians have to lead the way and some are still opposed."

But bureaucracy is not all that needs to change. The Golden ABC, a popular children's reader now in its 12th edition, shapes Finnish atti-tudes young. "The Negro washes his face," it teaches toddlers, "but it never gets

Accused Serb 'not identified'

Ed Vulliancy in The Hogue

PROSECUTION wit-Hague war crimes trial fatled to identify the defendant Dusko Tadic as having been at the scene of the most Hague war crimes trial brutal crime of which he is charged, the accused man's lawyer said yesterday.

The British counsel's claim came at a controversial outof-court briefing about evidence which had been given in a closed session, and on a day when Mr Tadic's defence stepped up its cross-examination with more aggressive questioning. Further details of brutality

at the Omarska concentration camp in Serb-held Bosnia were given by Husein Hodzic, a former employee at the mining complex, who said that Serbian soldiers on leave from the front were unleashed upon prisoners, free to kill and mutilate them.

The former mine supervi on also testified to seeins bodies loaded onto trucks affar a tungsarry In a surprise interview

given without court privilege, Steven Kay QC, Mr Tadic's counsel, reported details of a session held in comerc on Wednesday, when a witness code-named "H" had given

"H" is an Omarska survivor who was forced to hold down a fellow immate by the arms while another prisoner performed oral sex on him before biting off his testicles. He testified in comera, in order to protect his identity.

But Mr Kay said "H" had testified that "the winess said Tadio was not the more

said Tadic was not the man. He saw a man who ordered the attack and it was not Tadic. He failed to recognise Mr Tadic". Mr Kay's disclosures are

likely to provide a serious row, with prosecution sources last night insisting: "This was a closed session. Moreover, this is some kind of information about the casration, which is only part of a count relating to the mur-der of four people."

During the morning before
"H" had given his evidence, another witness to the castra-

tion and murders, Halil

Mulkanovic, did identify Mr Tadic among the Serbian sol-

diers responsible for the bru Mr. Hodzic yesterday be-came the first former em-ployee of the Omarska com-plex to give evidence, describing how weapons were banded out to Serbian workers on the day the mine was closed to be converted into a

camp in May 1992, After being separated from his 12-year-old son, who boarded a bus for wom children, Mr Hodzic described special beatings upon his arrival at "my place of work".

He told the court how corpses were piled on to trucks at Omarska by a mechanical loader formerly used "for rocks and stones".

reports, hitherto sketchy, of a massacre in Omarska in June 1992 of Muslims taken from the nearby village of Hambarine, Mr Hodzic said that he had

n one of the larger trucks loaded up with corpses on the tarmac at Omarska "when a number of new prisoners had arrived from Hambarine and neighbouring villages. I saw the truck loaded up after they

He described the last moments of Emir Karabasic, a man Mr Tadic is accused of session as the castration who is said to have been the defen-

dant's best friend. Mr Hodzic, who had shared a sleeping area with Karabasic, said he had repeatedly in-aisted that Mr Tadic would

The witness said Tadic was not the man. He saw a man who ordered the attack and it was not him. He failed to recognise Tadic'

kill him because he had seen something he "was not sun-posed to have seen". Mr Hodzic said: "The first basic thing was that the more you knew, the greater chance you had of being killed" in Omarska.

"So brother would counsel brother not to say anything about what they saw. That was how we falt — if someone saw a monstrous act, shortly Mr Karabasic had been

badly beaten before the day his name was called. "I'm done for," he had said, before eaving the room and never being seen again.
The court was shown a photograph from before the war of Karabasic and Mr

Tadic together, arms around each other's shoulders.

Britain presses UN to stop 'terrorists' gaining asylum

Michard Morton-Taylor

BRITAIN is pressing for a new United Nations con-The testimony corroborated vention which would refuse asylum to anyone planning or funding terrorism, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary,

said yesterday.
"Political asylum should not be abused as a shelter for those engaged in terrorism. he said. Anyone engaged in such activities would not be entitled to the benefits of the UN convention on refugees.

The new convention, said Mr Howard, would declare planning financing and in citement to terrorism contrary to "the principles and purposes" of the UN. However, the idea — already can-vassed by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary - has prompted concern among offi-cials of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees who say it could cast its net too wide.

Mr Howard said yesterday he was "reasonably confident" of an agreement in the UN on the plan. The proposal is one of what Mr Howard de-scribed as three practical measures Britain will table at a meeting of foreign and interior ministers of the G7 industrial nations — plus Russia — in Paris on Tuesday.

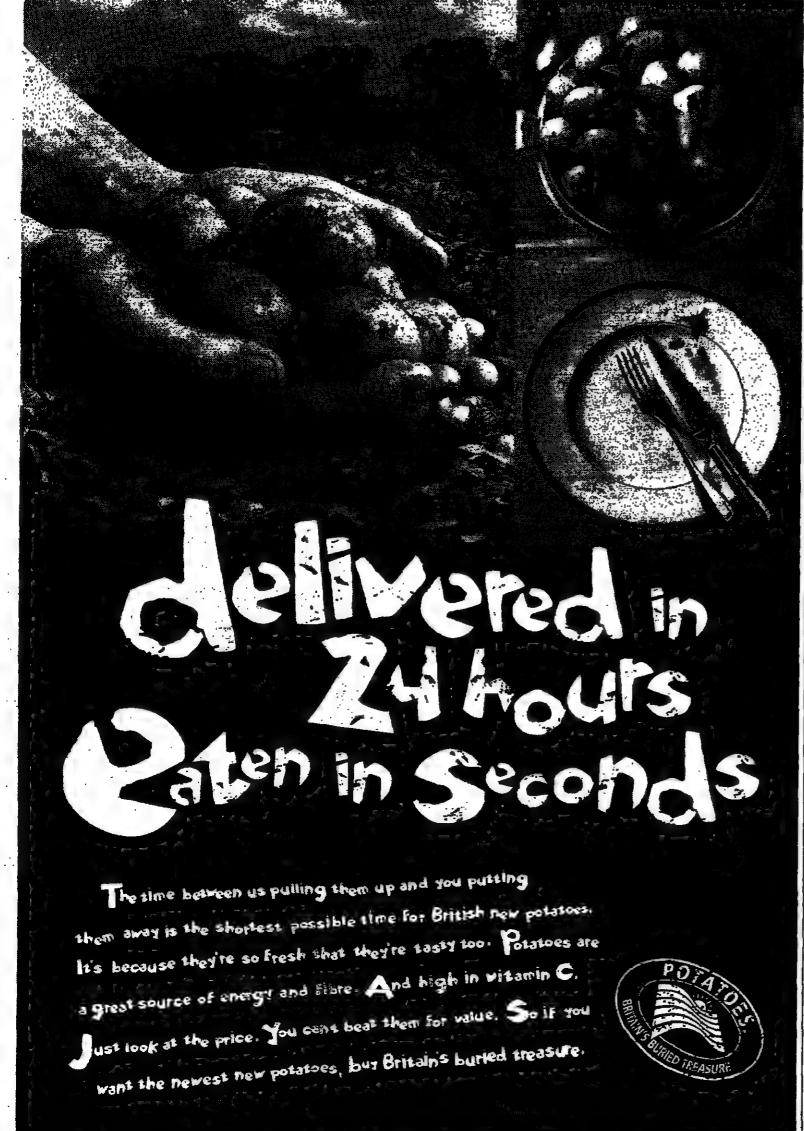
Britain will also propose an extension of counter-terrorism "centres of excellence" beyond the EU to include the US, Canada, and Japan. The dea was to exchange expertise in different countries. For example. Mr Howard said, Britain's security and police forces had developed skills in "bomb rescue" techniques and in forensic science as a result of the IRA's activities.

France — singled out by Mr
Howard as the country with

which Britain had developed close co-operation — had ex-perience with extreme Islamic groups, while Japan had experience of chamical attacks

Mr Howard also confirmed that the government will ex-tend the law of criminal conspiracy. It will be an offence to engage in conspiracy with others, or incite others, to commit terrorist offences abroad. Under existing law, the only overseas crime for which foreign residents can be prosecuted abroad is con-spiracy to commit murder.

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Portillo's political parcel

Something for everyone in the defence package

for Michael Portillo, Secretary for Defence over Kenneth Clarke, the Chanhave been a seriously competitive situcellor: if it had been the other way ation (for instance seven groups bid for round, restless anti-Clarke back-the cruise contract) which almost cerbenchers may have had apoplexy. As it tainly resulted in lower prices than turns out there is something in this for otherwise — particularly in the final almost everyone. Portillo can claim he has proved his point that there are no more meaningful cuts to be made in dred million pounds. spending on the forces thereby protecting his standing on the right as the custodian of defence. Kenneth Clarke loses the main battle but gets a consolation prize in the form of a theoretical right to a second chance to trim military spending later in the year plus a contribution to the PSBR from sales of defence housing. More to the point, the 'feelgood factor' will receive its second fllip this week — the other being the sharp revival of retail sales - as the £4 billion of contracts reappears in local papers up and down the country as a boost for jobs (even though very little of it will be spent for two years by which time it may well be Mr Blair footing the

It is, of course, possible to argue that defence spending — which has been cut by almost 20 per cent in real terms since 1990/1991 — is still too high considering Britain's post-Cold war commitments. It is not obvious why we still need so many troops in Germany nor which enemy's submarines the revitalised Nimrods (based on technology for the Comet, the world's first jet plane) will be chasing. But within Mr Portillo's horizons this is a fairly shrewd distribution of work. He has got the last three big equipment decisions out of the way in time for MPs to go away on their holidays: they are the conventionally-armed stand-off missile (CASOM), the air-launched anti-armour cans, this must be a doubly sweet

IT IS probably just as well for John maritime patrol aircraft or Nimrod Major that yesterday's £4 billion of (RMPA). The fourth (for two naval defence orders was greeted as a victory | assault ships) was settled earlier this

In industrial terms British Aerospace has got the lion's share of the contracts (ironically, at the expense of GEC which has long wanted to buy BAe) and since part of it involves cooperation with the French defence company, Matra - for whom President Chirac was lobbying — it looks as though the final political hurdle preventing a merger between Matra and BAe's dynamics division will be cleared. This will not only prove to his critics that Mr Portillo isn't always the Little Englander he often pretends to be, but - much more important - it will position Britain well in the emerging rationalisation of the European defence industry. The Americans, who have won quite a few juicy contracts recently, have been sent a clear signal that they can't have it all their own way and that the establishment of a strong European defence industry as a counter to the might of the United States is now a higher priority in British strategic thinking (both industrial and military). It's a tiny bit odd that a free-marketeering, Eurosceptic like Mr Portillo has fixed it for Europe against the US but as long as they don't try to pay in "euros" he will be able to live with it. So will Michael Heseltine, who was very active in the closing stages of the negotiations. For the man who quit the Cabinet over the Westland contract going to the Ameriweapon (AAAW) and the replacement solution. Few will disagree.

Burundi's deepening crisis

Without political will it is impossible to impose peace

BURUNDI is on the edge of collapse. | Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Uganda will The Tutsi-dominated military yesterday seized power following the flight of President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya and the forced resignation of the Prime Minister, Antoine Nduwayo. Even before the coup, it was hard to distinguish political from military power in Burundi. Both Tutsi and Hutu groups are dominated by extremists. This vicious polarisation - and the spate of mass killings - has been exacerbated by instability in Rwanda. The refugee camps in northern Burundi housing some of the Rwandan Hutus responsible for the genocide of 1994 and the general anarchy of everyday Eastern Zaire have added to the tension. Burundi is not suspectible to "normal"

political forces. Equally, it is hard to distinguish reality from confusion in calls for an international peace keeping force, Last month, at a meeting with the international mediator Julius Nyerere, the President and Prime Minister agreed to a security force in Burundi. Both men were denounced by their political parties — and by the military leaders -

triggering their de facto removal. The UN for months has talked of assembling a military force in Burundi but there is little sign of members commiting troops. Certainly no one is willing to pay for what would be an extremely expensive undertaking. The only countries possibly willing to provide soldiers so far have been Chad, Malawi and Zambia - although the UN hopes

add their names to this list. Before an intervention force could realistically consider entering Burundi, as many as 20,000 troops would be needed.

It is hard to see this happening. Britain has refused - so far - to commit troops. The US, after having its fingers burned in Somalia, has made it clear that there will be no Americans on the ground. The French say they will do "no more, no less" than their partners - which does not seem to be very much. There have been suggestions that South Africa should lead the way. but this is extremely unlikely, particularly as Tutsis and Hutus alike have made it clear that peace keepers are not welcome in Burundi.

In the absence of sufficient manpower and funding, the Nigerian and Ghanaian force in Liberia, sent by the West African regional body ECOWAS, has been far from successful. As the crisis deepens in Burundi, the current summit in Abuja is looking at ways to prevent Liberia's catastrophe deepening. It is not an encouraging precedent. More than 150,000 people, mainly civilians, have died in Burundi since 1993. One hundred people are slaughtered every day by extremists from both sides. This would be called civil war except that the militia do not attack one other. The victims are those unable to protect themselves, the weakest and most vulnerable. In the absence of political will by the parties concerned to

make peace, no outsiders can impose it.

Today's rebels have it soft

All they need to do is spend a lot of money on clothes

JAMES DEAN, original rebel without a was in gaol, Hill wrote a poem, dedicause, made rebellion fashionable, a cated to Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, which matter of style, an attitude. Forty years | he called The Rebel Girl. after Dean's death, the currency of rebellion is cheap. Millionaire movie death this week, may not have been actors crave the accolade of Hollywood rebel. An MP can be a rebel merely for rebel girl. She was not merely a rebel in not voting the party line. Rebellion has elided into independence of mind, or merely into bad behaviour. It is right to | and Rebels will know well enough why rebel, said the 1968 slogan. These days, she wanted to escape her aristocratic it has also become pretty easy. Today's

rebels seem to spend a lot on clothes. When rebels had causes rather than just attitude, rebellion involved sterner stuff. "Come, workers, sing a rebel song," wrote James Connolly, before being taken off on a stretcher to be executed by the British at Kilmainham in 1916 for his part in the Easter Rising. "I will die like a true-blue rebel", cabled the legendary Joe Hill to the Industrial Workers of the World before his execu- brilliant pen. But then a real rebel tion in Utah a year earlier. While he always has a real cause.

Jessica Mitford, who died her own quite a legend, but she certainly was a the chic sense, although anyone who has read her autobiographical Hons upbringing. Unlike her sister Nancy, whose runaway ended when she ran out of clean underwear, Jessica Mitford never went back. With romance in her heart, she ran away to the Spanish war. When she moved to America, she was a communist at a time when that meant being blacklisted rather than merely being talked about. Throughout her life, she took on the mighty, laughed in their faces, and destroyed them with her



Letters to the Editor

The Ecu in your pocket Down on the farm, it's

HRISTOPHER Johnson mies planning inward investment in Britain, have not been than out, July 22) slow to act.

Can Johnson explain why fear London banks would face difficulties in wholesale pean monetary union. When such a debate begins, we can address some of his more doubtful claims. As one who questions the basis of a single currency, I hope that the debate will be much wider than hitherto.

Johnson says that Emu is likely to improve Britain's economic performance. It is generally conceded that there are downside risks to mem-bership which cannot now be quantified, so this can only be a statement of faith. So is his assertion that "the single cur-rency means joining a collec-tive quest for better results... in economic growth, inflation, employment, public finance and trade." Is he relying on some mythically-superior, continental management techniques?

Johnson notes that Britain's our leaving the ERM in 1992. He does not explain that that stimulus came from a collapse of government resolve to maintain links with the price of the deutschmark, and that since then the Treasury has again tied its interest rate pol-icy to tracking the mark. Be-cause of our adverse trade balance this has involved maintaining a higher relative-rate of interest. It has given overseas investors an advantage on which, among others, Japanese and Korean compa-

Justice for Julie

MAY I just say, in answer to the carping chorus on your Letters page (July 25), that I am actually very much

in favour of capital punish-

ment for the killers of police-

men. What I actually said was that, morally, the so-called "domestic" (how cosy!) mur-

ders of women and children were worse, taking into con-

policeman is being paid by the state to put himself in the path

of danger. But I'd still string up police-killers. Hang 'em all and let God sort it out, that's

ONCE again, Julie Burchill is tagged "the cleverest woman in Britain". What she

really is is a journalist. And a good journalist, with a gift for

expressing strong opinions in

pithy, punchy prose. If she were really the cleverest wom-

an in Britain, it would be a

poor lookout for the women of Britain.

To read Julie Birchill is to read one of journalism's joyriders; doubtless gutsy and

furious from the driver's seat,

but, to the casual observer,

aimless and egocentric -

whatever raw skill is in

THOUGHT the whole point

of the nineties was that we

didn't have to read the adoles-

cent drivel of Julie Burchill

anymore. Prejudice unsullied

by experience is irritating in a

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what I say! Julie Burchill.

free capital movements one country cannot reduce the general level of bond interest by solitary fiscal virtue." In this connection, Japan and Switzerland, Germany and the

Surbiton, Surrey KT6 6DY.

CHRISTOPHER Johnson ignores, as do most propo-nents of European monetary union, the fact that the effects of a single currency go far be-yond the economy. They would transform the political structure of Europe. It would lead to us giving up indepen-dence as a nation, it's an illu-sion to think otherwise.

Any single currency would have to be managed centrally, and that would mean that the principal economic strategy of each European nation would sconomic performance is now each European nation would lagging again after the brief also need to be determined resurgence which followed centrally. It would be impossible to have a single currency while, at the same time, main-

member nations. nations have to transfer sovereignty over financial and wage policies, but it seems in-conceivable, in the circum-stances, that they would be able to hold onto autonomy over taxation policies. John Wurke. 21 Lovell Park Hill,

W surprise at the lack of en-thusiasm on the part of Alde-burgh council to spend money on a bust commemorating the life of Benjamin Britten (July

24)? Members are merely liv-ing out their destiny, for did

not Britten identify the small-

minded absolutes in rural

communities when commis-

sioning the librettos for Albert

Herring and Peter Grimes? The Aldeburgh public servants are simply slotting into Benjamin Britten's prototype

Such a lack of appreciation

of the gentus of former local

residents is not necullar to Al-

year enact a small pantomime

characters.

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trading of Euros. This idea

has been put about to intimi-date those opposed to the UK joining Emu.

If the UK does not join Emu, the branches of UK banks in Germany, France and elsewhere cannot be ex-cluded from Euro settlement

services. Branches of French and German banks in Lon-don will trade Euros with other banks in London and elsewhere. Banks in London can settle on an agency basis with their own branches or correspondent banks in the Smu area. London's trading volumes in Euros, whether or not the UK is an Emu member, will be very important to the liquidity of Euro instruments.

It is inexplicable why Emu authorities should particularly fear the influence of Lou-don banks. The locality of settlement services and country of origin of major cur-rencies has no effect on where taining different economic Only the primary issue mar-programmes in each of the 15 ket will be restricted to the Emu area but this is very Not only will member small compared to the second ary markets which can be 50

times larger.

Most of London's interna-tional trading in all markets is settled outside the UK and much of it generates order flow into other centes. Robert McDowell. 2a Gresham Road, Cambridge CB1 2ER.

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BENJIMAN BRITTEN

request that it be displayed to give adequate notice of the

neeting.
One week later I revisit the

library and the poster is not on display. When asked the reason for this, the assistant

tells me there is no space. We walk to the boards and stand

in front of several spaces.

Jane Austen used the lending

wane Austen used the lending library in Alton, and no doubt would take delight in parody-ing such a paradox. Susan McCartan.

The Jane Austen Society. Carton House, Redwood Lane, Medstead, Alton,

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time something stirred

Now it is lamb's turn to be unsafe (EU seeks to allay sheep meat fears, July 24). The fact that scrapie-infected feed has been fed to pigs and are kept means that disease are kept means that disease are kept means that disease the strength and mutate. poultry too means that pork and chicken could be next.

Douglas Hogg's response is,
of course, to try to reassure
us, but surely it is time that

the Government stopped defending the indefensible. It needs to accept, as do the rest of us, that there is something seriously wrong with today's farming methods. Herbivores are fed animal

protein; there is selective breeding for rapid growth so that turkeys, for example, cannot waik properly, mate without assistance, or fly at all; and antibiotics are used as growth promoters, leading to disease becoming resistant to them. It is no wonder that

can easily spread and mutate.
On grounds of animal welfare, as well as human health. we need to accept that the growth of factory farming over the last 50 years has been a mistake. Animals should be allowed to live natno more selective breeding or genetic engineering, no more stalls, cages and overcrowded sheds, no more premature separation of the young from their mothers and no more

feeding of inappropriate food. The price of cheap meat is simply too high. Richard Mountford. 76 Springfield Road, Birmingham B147DY.

Combined operations

AM mystified by the sudden I examples of collaboration and aconcern demonstrated by skill-sharing in healthcare; the Joint Consultants Comparison of particularly between doctors mittee over who does what in healthcare (Surgeons urge law driven by a concern for paon who does what ops. July 24) tient-need rather than a worry

Firstly, what measures have been taken in the past to ensure technical competency of unior doctors with agreed criteria against which their skills can be assessed? And, secondly, whose hand has guided many junior doctors through their first tentative attempts at surgery, in pre-scribing on the wards and in differentiating between measles and chickenpox. No prizes

for the answer.

There are many excellent London WIM OAN.

and would like to pose two about who undertakes which questions to them. innovative approaches have been subject to criticism from

both occupational groups. Isn't it time we moved away from such closed boundaries, welcomed innovations in practice, flushed out all the covert expertise and acknowledged hidden skills? Berbara Vaughan. Programme Director. Nursing Developments. King's Fund.

11-13 Cavendish Square,

Let's hear it for the thin blue line

STEVE Bell's cartoon (July | and rioting by extremists | 12) depicts a police officer | from the nationalist, or repubbatoning a petrol bomber as Orange marchers parade in the background. The caption reads: "Phew! For a while there I was beginning to lose touch with my sense of self, ye Fenian bastard".

Such a gross portrayal of a force which has suffered 297 deaths, approximately 10 per cent of the total casualties in Northern Ireland, and 7,819 injuries holding the line against extremists on both sides, is a grave disservice to the RUC.

In the context of the past 10 days or so, the police, sup-ported by the Army, were caught in the middle of a situation in which they simply could not win. They were sub ected to violence and intimidation; first, by extremists from the so-called loyalist community and, subse-

A Country Diary

lican, community. The result so far has been 154 officers in-jured, 122 cases of intimida-tion of officers, with 10 police families being forced to flee their homes, and more under threat awaiting re-housing. However uncomfortable it was for the RUC to recognise

that it had to reverse its decison to stop the Orange march at Drumcree, the reality is that there was no choice. There was a serious threat of significant loss of life among Orangemen, police officers, soldiers and Catholic resi-dents. Let alone elsewhere throughout Northern Ireland As always, the RUC was between a rock and a hard place. David M Hanna.

Chief Information Officer, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Brooklyn, Knock Road, quently, by petrol-bombing Belfast Northern Ireland.

deburgh. As part of my work for the Jane Austen Society, I design and distribute posters Letters to the Editor may be publicising the July AGM at Chawton, Alton, and each texed on 0171 837 4530 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road.

NORTHUMBERLAND: Roth- tain what they signify the centre of some of the finest walks in this county. We west of Rothbury and Throphill with a National Parks warden on the flanks of the Simonside hills, which rise to 1.400 feet at the highest point. and could see the outline of the medieval deer park, originally enclosed by 10-feet drys-tone walls. The structure of these hills differ from the Roman wall ridge and the Cheviot massif, which both have igneous intrusions as their basic structure. No volcanic turbulence has been responsible for Simonside, which is composed of a sedimentary fell, sandstone rock. The warden showed us a 6.000-year-old pine cone found in peat in a hog on this hill and preserved in a jar, as well as a neolithic stone from an axe. The distinct cup and ring marks on boulders here are of neolithic origin but no one can be cer-

maps, fertility signs? A scar on the beautiful landscape ton is Biddleston quarry, currently employing 15 men and anxious to expand excavations. Admiralty Arch in London was built with red stone quarried here. "We are look. ing for a compromise," said the warden. "More large scars on this lovely landscape are unacceptable but the quarry has put forward sensitive reclamation plans." Ten years ago, we rode these Lorden-shaw moors and acres and acres of it had reverted to grassland. The heather was in serious decline. Now the cattle have been taken off the hill and sheep numbers cut to only 600 ewes. A gamekeeper controls the vermin and burns rank heather. The result is that sweeps of purple ling heather have regenerated. greatly enhancing the walk. VERONICA HEATH

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Here's to the red revolution

Boring Ben and plain Jane

HY should anyone feel I deliver a poster with a

S there no limit to the arro make the telephone itself gance and stupidity of Brit work better — demonstrable ish Telecom? Far from patting themselves on the back for their feeble attempt at recreating our beloved red tele-phone boxes (Red revival for call boxes, July 24), they should do the decent thing and restore all the original ones back to their rightful 0,000 monstrous usurpers. Why BT ever got rid of them in the first place is bevond me.

T'S such a shame. She really is a med, nutty old bird now. Is there a fund? Should we They claimed that a) they ronid make access easier they patently make no difference; b) by getting rid of the old ones this would somehow

nonsense; c) they are easier to clean - so how come the old ones were never plagued with prostitutes cards?

London EC1R 3ER, and by e-mail

To add insult to injury, I read recently that the wretched woman at BT who designed these monstrosities was actually given a design places and do away with the award for her work. Which all goes to prove yet again that the rush to privatisation, far from improving customer choice and "empowering the customer" does the exact

opposite. Mary Stewart. Clapton Passage.

Diary

Dan Atkinson

TEP forward the real victor of those shadow cabinet elections: St Pancras (by way of York-shire) MP Frank Dobson, he of the beard, the jovial man-ner and the defiance of all attempts to write him off. OK, so Dobbo actually came seventh, with 211 votes, but one glance at the women and Scots above him caused that famous optimism to bob up like an angler's cork: "I'm the top Englishman," he beamed, emerging from

LSEWHERE in the movement, Ponty-pridd MP Kim "Get Howells faces a ghost from his past — the Communist Party. Still hanging in there, defying the mineralwater drinkers of Demo-cratic Left, the CP is to field University of Wales lec-turer Robert Griffiths against Dr Howells at the next election. Mr Griffiths himself is a refugee from Plaid Cymru, out of which he was effectively hoofed at the end of the 1970s for suggesting it advocate (gasp) socialism. KH's own jour-ney of political self-discovery has moved in the opposite direction, from the hippiedom of Hornsey Col-lege of Art via the CP to the most modernised, air-con-ditioned wing of New Labour. Can Mr Griffiths overturn Dr Howells's 19,000 majority? Ponty-pridd, he admits, is "not a safe Communist seat yet".

LL dressed up (1): Best of British to for-mer Observer editor Andrew Jaspan in his new role as managing director/ publisher of The Big Issue, and we hope he does not find his current round of get-to-know-you meetings with the vendors too distressing; he is remembered at Farringdon Road as expressing the heartiest dis-tate for certain casual (in both senses) journalists; they looked, he said, as if they had been "dragged in off the street".

LL dressed up (2): There were two key Whitehall meetings on Wednesday, chaired by (deputy) premier Heseltine, to finalise details of the 24 billion pre-election pork barrel (sorry, "vital defence contracts") amounced yes-terday. A notable absentee at the earlier pow-wow was the defence secretary, someone with, presumably, some interest in this costly ironmongery. But Michael Por-tillo had urgent business with his barber. Keen to look his best on TV for the big announcement, be clearly thought his time would be better spent under the blow-dryer than dis-cussing the minutiae of ship-to-shore striking capa-bility. He made the evening meet, though, looking lovely, by all accounts.

IGHT-ON Red Pepper, the "voice for the in-dependent left" (another one), trumpets from the cover of its August edition: "Silenced minortty: The Irish in Britain". Definitions of "silence", please (one at a time).

WELVE years ago, David Pirie's harrow-ing TV play Rainy Day Women told of a group of land-army girls raped and murdered by a rogue Home Guard unit in the wilds of Rest Anglia. The guard members were then gunned down by regular troops, order was restored and the whole affair hushed up. But did it actually happen? There was fat chance of finding out, even in 1984, but the publication now of They Fought In The Fields (Micola Tyrer; Sinclair-Stevenson), a complete history of the women's land army, should have put the matter to rest. Plenty of sexual har-rassment detailed here, but nothing of Pirie propor-tions. All settled? Not exactly. The "rainy day" of the title had nothing to do with Bob Dylan back numbers but referred to a wartime Whitehall code-name for anything thought so damag-ing to national morale that it had to be wiped from the records. Anybody out there remember anything?

S those shadow-cabinet victors preen, Old kicking in the provinces. A communication from Sheffield Attercliffe branch comes with the apologetic cover-note: "Sorry, can't use fax during postal



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Selling sport, sex, lies and videotape

Commentary Peter

Preston

HERE is, said an unpreposessing Lynam clone called John Tesh, "something in the air this warm Olympic night. Do you feel it? Little girls are dancing? Do you see it?" Yes indeed, Tesh; or maybe Tosh. I have seen it on the night. I have seen it on the morning and the afternoon of the following day. I expect, on present form, to see it 10 or 12 more times before the Olym-pics ends. And I begin, in between words from our sponsors, to have the gentlest notions of what it must have been like to sit on the sidelines at Berlin '36, when the pride

and the pomp came rippled through with menace.

You can play these Games on the sweaty fields of a chaotic Atlanta. Though not a word of that taints the air-You can play these Games or its may recall a stratch bas on the sweaty fields of a chactic Atlanta. Though not a word of that taints the airwith the Harlem Globetrotters. They existed to lose grace-look like girls: they look like and, in the hysteria of the control of the look like girls: they look like land, in the hysteria of the look like girls: they look like land, in the hysteria of the land, in the hysteria of th

disheartening, frustrating ex-perience: and pretty dishonest

to boot.

The basic assumption is that the rest of the world is a remote place of which we wish to know little: and then only in controlled circumstances. seconds of screen time. Thus, before the women's gymnas-tics finals, the Russian girls featured in a soft-focus epiclette of heroines emerging from the shadow of Soviet op-pression; and the Romanian team came accompanied by footage of stick babies in orphanages. Had either of them won, we could have felt marginally uplifted by their human triumph. But they were essentially there not to win. (Readers with long memories may recall a scratch bas-kethall team called the US All

your BBC living rooms, waiting for the occasional putty medal and polishing your nails. Or you can, with me, join tens of millions of ordinary Americans and watch the Centennial of Brotherhood through Sport via the deluding prism of NBC. It is a sickly, disheartening, frustrating experience: and pretty dishonest butterfly, without an American ging mom and thanking dad pre-shot in the can. When you hit a final, like the 100 metres butterfly, without an American ging mom and thanking dad pre-shot in the can. butterfly, without an American finalist, then the guy who won in Barcelona comes back

from obscurity to thank his folks all over again. But the little girls, faces set in middleaged angst, are enduring images. Bela, their hired Non-Americans must there-fore be rendered human if they are to command a few the butler at Dracula's castle. Bela hugs when a shrumken tot gets 9.87. Bela grows flor-idly tragic as hapless moppets fall off a beam. Bela carries Kerri Strug and her ankle strain from the floor like John Wayne at he end of The Searchers. Every time you see Strug struggling to stay up-right you see Bela with his ter-rible smile.

NBC's prior research apparently identifies women's gymnastics as a prime audience-puller. All stops are

Michael White argues that the antics of both Labour and Tory Eurosceptics ensure their parties are

who is 14 and used to be a Romanian, has the broken leg and the starring role until she vaults on to her emaciated bottom. Kerri, with a squeak to sear your eardrums, carries her ankle to victory. (Only much later do the statisticians mention the needs.)

mention she needn't have jumped at all.) Has this anything to do with sport as we know it? Not a lot. NBC shows it, as though live, throughout the evening. No-body mentions that the event. body mentions that the event, like almost 40 per cent of what you see, was recorded much earlier: five hours earlier for these gymnastics. When the (live) linkman says "the American team has a legitimate shot to win the gold", he knows the result. Joe Klein's editor on Newsymeek Maymard. editor on Newsweek, Maynard Parker, is taking moralising punishment for not admitting that his man wrote Primary Colours. But nobody seems perturbed when a TV sportscaster pretends that what we are shown, and what he proph-

esies, are goods solled by Father Two-Time. The NBC Olympics, the only Olympics America can recognise, seem not merely heightened drama, but entirely confected drama. The rest of the world provides the bit players. When life, as it sometimes does, spoils the script, then ex-sweetheart Janet Evans is invited to voice new Irish sweetheart.

There is, of course, no reason to sink everyone with the NBC debacle. Protest against the grot fills news-paper columns and feeds coffee shop conversation. Ameri-

ravaged dolls. Dominique, who is 14 and used to be a Romanian, has the broken leg and the starring role until she tom. Kerri, with a squeak to sear your eardrums, carries in the research of the process giant strides

the process giant strides further.

It does not provide informa-tion. Your 10 or more hours of coverage won't tell you who won or lost or qualified, unless they're from the US. The med-als table comes sawn off eight entries down the screen. (Brit-sin has coased to exist) The ain has ceased to exist.) The ain has ceased to exist.) The opening ceremony, orchestrated by Hollywood, wasn't a self-contained pageant. The entire fortnight is talevised pageantry, with so much cash at stake that nobody can afford defeat or boredom or the diminished slow of taking war. minished glory of taking part. It's gold, or oblivion.

You must not, I suppose, get too bufferishly indignant about such spectacle. The Olympics have long since ceased to be pure competition for the sake of competition. The weight of cash is too heavy. A billion cereal boxes await the endorsement of those who come first. But there is still a point where the throat tightens, where the ma-nipulation between mundane room far away, is the point about Atlanta.

Los Angeles managed a certain restraint. The crowds and

the coverage played host to 10,000 athletes and balanced in politeness. 1996 seems already to have junked such niceties. These are overily the political Games, a massaging of ego as, well as thigh; the time a great nation (or at least its greatly invested and greatly anxious TV channel) blanked out

Why Margaret Drabble? What's wrong with me?



HANKS, guys. Thanks a bloody lot. It's not that I'm upset. Why the hell should I be upset? I'm bigger, a lot bigger, than that. It's just that I think my voice could have added the necessary maight to swing the increase. weight to swing the issue, okay? Let me explain. In my time,

fact and grotesque fiction I have had the sheer courage chokes. That, from a motel to lead my name to many a bold and uncompromising campaign. To get the name of Bel Littlejohn on to an Open Letter to a leading politician or captain of industry has always been something of a coup for the members of the pressure group in question. Many's the time when the name Bel Littlejohn on a letter has sent shivers down the spine of one Establishment figure or another. Result? Red faces all round, and an overnight change of policy.

Over the years, I've put my reputation on the line by lending my name to some truly brave campaigns. The first let-ier I co-signed was to this newspaper, way back in 1971.
"We, the undersigned, write to express our concern at the number of men, women and children who catch colds each year. Most of us have had experience of the common cold, and some of us are even now experiencing alight snif-fles. We would urge all the Governments of the World to act speedily to prevent the common cold in future, regardless of the commercial pressure that may be exerted upon them by the combined forces of the multinational tissue manufacturers. Yours sin-cerely, Melvyn Bragg, Harriet Harman, Bel Littlejohn,

have considered it right that they should have been men-tioned in person! And so I got my taste for sticking my neck out in public, for outspokenly supporting major causes, quite regardless of the per-sonal publicity I might secrue. Buoyed on to take yet another bold stance on an important matter, I sent off another let-ter, this time to the Times: It is a formula for contin-ued misery to which Major's EEC Ministers, Church Leaders, International Statesper-sons and Captains of Industry

trade sanctions on Third World Countries. If imposed, these sanctions would serve to cripple already ailing economies causing devastation to countless millions. Yours faithfully, Bel Littlejohn and up to 2 others." At the time, no such plans had been made public; but I like to think that my bold letter served to scare the rich and powerful off ever

considering them.
In the years to follow, I was to lend my increasingly distin-guished name to many other great causes, among them the international Stop Hurting Nice Little Old Ladies cam-paign, the Ban Toxic Waste in Our Classrooms campaign and the Slow Death for Household Pets campaign, though I was brave enough to take my discovered that its aims were ordinary decent people.

So now we come to the hurt that I'm feeling. It's all very saddening. Fast forward to the Guardian, dear, dear friend in troubled times, printed an "Open Appeal to the Gover-nors of the BBC" signed by literally hundreds of distinguished — and frankly not so bloody distinguished — people from all walks of life. I immediately looked to the "Ls" trusting that my name was being used to give whatever cause it was the last push that is often so neces times are hard. Mark Le Fanu. Laurie Lee, Lord and Lady Lewin Professor Christopher Longuet-Higgins, for crying out loud. But not a single mention of Bel Littlejohn.

what's Laurie Lee got that Bel Littlejohn hasn't Eh? Rh? And who the hell's Profes sor Christopher Longuet-Higgins when he's at home? Above all, it's the gender dis-crimination that I object to whoever compiled that list of "worthy" names has obviously got it in for all women, and distinguished women icons with their own radical columns on the op-ed page of the Guardian in particular. Neadless to say, Margaret Drabble's managed to wheedle her way on to the list, even though her last novel failed to get into the book charts. Oh, yes — they wouldn't miss her out, not with her connections. So why not Bel Littlejohn? My theory is that they're afraid.
Afraid of independence. Afraid of radicalism. Afraid of

the truth.
And what's their so-called "Open Appeal" appealing for, in any case? It turns out they want to interfere with John Birt's efforts to inject fresh life into the Beeb by a process of long-awaited updatisation. So they are all on the outside of the decision-making process, looking in. Result? Envy. And that's the point I'll be boldly making to the Director-Gen-eral on "Bel's Bubbly Britain", my new prime-time pro-gramme on the reinvigorated World Service.

mired in low politics, while below, Paddy Ashdown claims a place on higher ground for the Lib Dems Love-hate relations

burst into flame again like a sum-mer brush fire just before the Com-mons rose on Wednesday for 12 blessed weeks. But minister-turned-pamphleteer David Heathcoat-Amory was little more than a spark in the tinder-dry Euro-undergrowth that is the Tory party in 1996. Labour Euro-sceptics had planned a press conference against a British embrace of the emerging single currency during the 1997-2002 parlia-ment. It overlapped with

sceptics never stop. less instructive. Labour scep-tics talk about public spend-ing cuts and jobs lost. Notwithstanding their will-ingness to defer to global markets, Conservatives prefer to talk of sovereignty. Europe, or, rather, Europe held at bay, is central to their sense of national identity. Drake, Nelson, Churchill, Heathcoat-

Amory, they are all of a piece. Therein lies the greater op-portunity and the greater danger, both to be resisted. Historic allusion does not ap-peal to Paddy Ashdown as his article below — high-minded liberal internationalism makes plain, but it appeals to many Tories. Hence the vehement and persistent nature of the split at every level, one which yesterday saw the Daily Telegraph reporting that (yet again) the cabinet sceps will force John Major to

sceps will firre John Major to abandon his "wait-and-see" policy on the single currency before Christmas.

In the Times, John Major insisted (yet again) that it would be "a dereliction of responsibility" for him to rule out joining the Franco-German euro-bloc if it turns out to suit the national interest after all. Like Tony Blair, who has a similar policy, he

who has a simular policy, he doubts it will happen that way. Euro-agnosticism.

It may be low politics, devoid of Churchillian grandeur. But, as even Margaret Thatcher used to say, there is no point in taking decisions will be been to The scenario. until you have to. The sceps are almost certainly wrong in wanting to make a great cam-paign issue of saying No. Major is right to sit on the

He would have been even warier had he witnessed the tribal clan-gathering of pro-



Europeanism at the Savoy Hotel last week for Sir Ed-ward Heath's 80th-birthday bash. One after another the great men, Roy Jenkins, Denis Healey, Kenneth Clarke (all heavyweight chancellors in their time), went to the post-prandial rostrum to praise Ted, patron, rival, fellow Oxbridge graduate, in generous, nay extravagant, terms.

Harman, Bel Littlejohn, Michael Mansfield QC, John Mortimer QC, Anita Roddick, Arnold Wesker, and 20 others."

His unbending pro-Europeanism was a recurring theme in their short speeches. Most significant of all, it was in the final speech, that of Michael Heseltine. He bobs, weaves and still hopes to smatch the ultimate prize, but Hezza remains a cut Europeanism of the unbending pro-Europeanism of their significant to be associated so publicly with such a brave initiative, particularly as some of the unmanded floss — Bruce Kent, Giles Radice, David Hare, Polly Toynbee, Germaine Greer — who might have considered it right that Hezza remains a gut Euro-pean who still believes the British tide will flow towards closer union.

No cabinet which still conains him and Clarke (who has now threatened to resign five times by some sceptics' calculations) will abandon the present compromise. No fag-end Tory cabinet can surrive without them.

hopes that he can wrong-foot Blair and Robin Cook on Burope are likely to be disap-pointed. Yet the cabinet goes may have to impose draconian pointed. Yet the cabinet goes on holiday cheerier than might be supposed. Apart from that public spending "black hole" ahead of the budget — which ministers plan to close by squeezing spending. Michael Portillo's included the economy is holding up. So is morale, at least at the top, where 1990's "cabinet of chums" still thinks it can win

In his Times interview ves In his Times interview yes-terday Major spoke of New Labour "panicking in spades". whenever things go wrong, a claim validated to an extent by Blair's cracking of the dis-ciplinary whip over Labour MPs immediately after 149 of them had done the decent thing by Harrist Harman thing by Harriet Harman. Tory officials are toying with using charges of authoritar-ianism against New Labour in the election campaign. "Funny really," one senior minister mused mischie-vously this week. "Labour could have defeated us this

spring if they'd really tried; on beef for instance, or Europe. It's as if they're afraid of the Daily Mail. We've already got one govern-ment run by the Mail. We don't want another."

A doorway to the future BSE crisis should doubt

ROM crime to education, tax to Europe,
British politics increasingly resembles a game of shadow-boxing. This is a depressing sight, it might look like good electoral tactics, but it makes for dreadful strategic decision-making.

sion-making.
The latest example is the single currency — central to Britain's future, yet being reduced by Labour and the Conservatives to a game of "chicken", in which each threatens to outflank the other by ruling out joining in the next Parliament. what ought to guide us in this crucial decision is not this crucial decision is not this crucial decision.

ment — not regardless of the direction, but deciding the direction. Britain is reconciled to a

Britain is reconciled to a future of competitive devaluations all respect abroad, the Conservatives cannot have a rational debate with each other, let alone follow a rational course in Europe. Labour are just as divided.

For 50 years, Britain has paid a heavy price for our isolation and indecision on Europe, most recently in extra debt costs. Europe, most recently in lost allies and limited influence over BSE. We will pay a similar price in future if we exclude ourselves from shaping a single currency before it happens, or from

ain would have to shadow the single currency, giving us all the pain of the single currency, but none of its advantages or influence. That would be a real loss of sovereignty! Second, the City would be

extra debt costs.

To counteract this, Brit-

The loss in both prestige and money to Britain would be real and powerful. And last, in an era of footloose capital, the inward investment currently coming into Britain would go into the single currency area

Instead.

If, through a failure of will or leadership or resolve, the single currency should fail, then the inevitable consequence will be the unravelling of the single market itself.

As Sin Lean Prittan

As Sir Leon Brittan warned: "The European market is not an achieve-ment that Britain can assume will never unravel, for the forces of protectionism and narrow national interest will always seek to gnaw away at it".

No one who has witnessed the speed with which Euro-pean nations reached for but long-term national in-but long-term national in-terest. That requires us to be part of Europe's develop-not to, three things would premier trading market. It is speed with which Euro-Second, the City would be pean nations reached for undermined as Europe's the weapon of national premier trading market.

There will be difficulties for Britain in joining a single currency. But the pain, in jobs, trade, money and influence, of being out-side if it goes shead will be immeasurably greater. The Liberal Democrats are also

the only party to consis-tently say that people should have their say on further European integra-tion through a referendum, and who will guarantee that to the Fritten people that to the British people. If, for reasons of party man-agement, the Tory and Labour leaders chose to fadge this, then that reflects their problems with their parties. It is important that Britain's people — and the other parties — know. where the Liberal Democrats stand.

Paddy Ashdown MP is leader of the Liberal Democrate

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Rangers' man of the match

Glasgow Rangers and a clutch of other football clubs, has died aged 60 of Parkinson's disease. Of all the qualities of the man who led the Rangers domination of Scottish foot-ball back in the 1970s, physical hardness was the most obvious.
A son of Wallyford, the East

Lothian mining village where shoulders and spirits were de-veloped to withstand a punishing existence, he went to local schools before going on

to Musselburgh Grammar. But it was in the army, as a non-commissioned officer in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, however, that Wallace's reputation as a fighting man was established. Stationed first in Northern Ireland and then in Malaya in the 1950s, he took part in jungle warfare during the insur-gency and was fond of recalling that he lived off "monkey

steaks" during long patrols.
Wallace had already had
short spells as a goalkeeper at
Blackpool and Workington before he joined the army and, on his return, he signed for Berwick Rangers (the the KOSB). From there, he moved to Airdrie, West Brom-wich Albion, Bedford Town and Hereford, before return-

It was during his second tour of duty with Berwick that he became celebrated as the architect of the most famous Scottish Cup upset of

Soon after, he was appointed assistant manager of Hearts of Midlothian. In April 1970, he became "chief trainer and coach" of Rangers under manager Willie Waddell, who had succeeded to the job only a few months earlier. Within two years, Wallace belped the Ibrox club to their only European success, a 3-2 victory over Moscow Dynamo in the Cup Winners' Cup final in Barcelona in 1972. He became

afterwards, with Waddell

The fans loved Big Jock, whom they rightly identified as one of themselves. a rough diamond with a gruff tongue

Rangers won the Scottish Cup the following season and, in 1975, their first League championship in 11 years. This triumph ended Celtic's monopoly of the Scottish League, which had embraced nine successive champion-

ships from 1966. Wallace took Rangers to the treble of League, Scottish Cup and League Cup in 1976 -this also made them the first winners of the newly-formed Premier Division — and he repeated the feat two years later. It was at the end of his gow Rangers 1-0 in the that he left, following a

He returned to manage Motherwell before being recalled to the Rangers' job in 1983. But that lasted only until 1986, when he was replaced by Graeme Souness. He then had further spells in management, with Seville in Spain and Colchester

Wallace accepted with typical barrack-room philosophy the trials that cropped up in the course of a manager's life. "Ach," he would say, "if ye're no' marchin', ye're fightin'." He is survived by his wife, Daphne, son John and daugh-

Brian Wilson adds: Jock Wallace epitomised another, less sophisticated era in the fortunes of Rangers' Football Club when transfer fees were in six figures and only those of a Protestant disposition were deemed suitable to don

the Royal Blue.
The fans loved Big Jock, whom they rightly identified as one of themselves, a rough diamond with a gruff tongue but a Rangers man through and through. Any doubts about this were removed when, at his first supporters' rally as manager, he was asked to say a few words and instead led the singing of

conference at which Wallace's eye alighted on an unfamiliar reporter representing a Glasgow newspaper who had been ill-advised enough to wear a

OCK WALLACE, the first round at Shielfield Park | dispute over his salary, for more conventional press box former manager of in January 1967. | Leicester City. | attire. "Who are you from?" the manager demanded.
"The IRA?" Jock Wallace
and the sand dunes of Gullane were for long linked in the minds of the Scottish football public. A generation of Rangers' players endured the rigours of a training regime which many thought more appropriate to preparations for jungle warrere in Malaya

When he stepped up from coach at ibrox to replace Willie Waddell as manager, Rangers were desperate to emerge from the shadow of Celtic's record-breaking nine League titles in a row, under Jock Stein. The faithful were inordinately grateful when he restored the club's dignity with two "trebles". His second stint at Ibrox

was not a success, although his personal popularity with the supporters survived largely intact. The game was changing fast and there was no prospect of Wallace being retained when David Holmes took over as chairman and set about transforming the club's image and aspirations. Football fans of all by the decline of Wallace's bealth in recent years. For although he was a Rangers man, he was also a big football man and that is

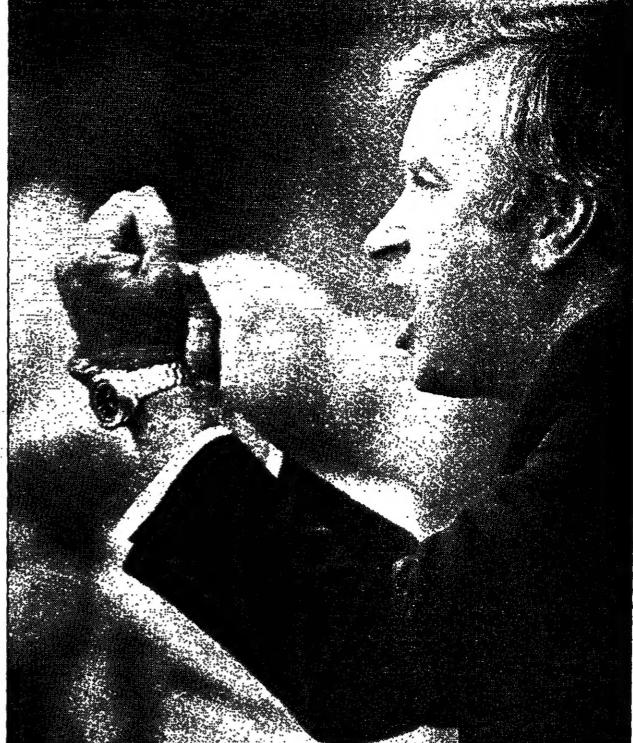
forgive Wallace anything for the memory of Berwick! Jock Wallace, football manager, born September 6, 1935; died

appreciated across the board.

sympathies were least

favourable to Rangers could

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Tamara Danz

The voice for lost children

AMARA Danz, who has died aged 43, was East Germany's most successful rock singer in the 1980s. In songs such as Die Ferne (Far Away), Batnil-will be good) in her unmistakion d'Amour and Veriorene Kinder (Lost Children), she articulated the frustration of a generation of easterners who had lost faith in the ability of communism to reform itself. Though she took part in lanse of the German Democratic Republic, she was disappointed with the process of reunification that left many

easterners feeling alienated. Born into a diplomatic family in the Thuringian town of Breitungen in 1952, Danz spent much of her childhood abroad, acquiring a command of foreign languages shared by few East Germans. She always wanted to sine but, in the GDR of the 1970s, becoming a rock star was not seen as a serious career choice.

Danz studied philology and trained as an interpreter but quickly rejected the prospect of a lifetime "translating what other people say even if

She worked as a backing singer in a succession of third-rate bands before join-ing Silly, a rock band formed government-sponsored cultural network. The band refused to appear at party events and soon won a large following for its sophisticated rock melodies and subtle. ambiguous lyrics. Danz was voted East German female singer of the year a number of times and annually received little excitement in a society up to 13,000 fan letters. Audiences in packed halls three foreign holidays a year.

able throaty voice, some-Faithfull and Janis Joplin.

They would love to flee to the warm countries the lost children in the streets of Berlin

she sang, capturing the silent yearning of young East Germans to escape the prison their country had become.

The rise of home-grown rock musicians during the 1980s was instrumental in creating a new youth culture in the GDR which responded to state repression by ignoring it and concentrating on nonpolitical private activities. Danz, who said she lost faith in the GDR after East German soldiers helped to crush the Prague Spring in 1968, was one of the first artists to join the 1969 anti-government procalling for reform and took part in a concert in support of

dissidents that October Like most easterners, Danz rejoiced when the Berlin Wall fell, but she soon became disillusioned with the new Germany, complaining that easterners "have to apologise

for breathing".
The band, Silly, failed to make an impact on a we audience that had little patience with complicated Dreaming of the chance to flee to a warmer country held



Tamara Danz . . . Bast Germany's most popular rock singe

protests against the destruc-tion of East German identity and the exclusion of easterners from the process of shaping the new Germany. She also criticised the meekness with which easterners accepted the new order, as she sang in her 1992 song Halloween In East Berlin:

The Ossis are dumb and crazy from junk and booze When they come out of their coma then comes the cold horror They beat themselves over

with their Stasi files

Danz turned her concerts into | While we're out in the middle of the square they slaughter the last factories

> Danz became ill with breast cancer last year and, after undergoing three unsuccessful operations, she refused any further treatment. She died in Berlin on Monday, four months before she was due to marry fellow musician

Denis Staumtor

Tamara Danz, singer, born

Richard Day

A good man in Africa

ICHARD DAY, who has died of a brain tumour aged 48, was a pioneer of the alternative trade move ing of Twin and Twin Tradment, although he would have denied that what he was doing could be thought of as anything so pretentious. On such a small scale, he said, it ment officer and then the farmers to strengthen their position in world markets. It was the partnership, in which the farmers' skills and the commercial skills of trading

were married, that mattered. Unfashionably, in the 1970s and 1980s he believed that socialist and particularly cooperative organisations should be efficient as well as humane. Working in Africa for the fair trade organisa-tions, Twin and Twin Trading. Day displayed a combina-tion of skill, common sense

and understanding. He came from a Warwickshire farming family, which gave him a strong practical bent and some resistance to academic theory. After gram-mar school, he studied engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He then worked for Mather and Platt, a local engineering firm where he became an engineering union shop steward.
He also became interested in
Third World development and studied for water engineering qualifications, obtaining an MSc from Silsoe College.

His African experiences began when he worked as an Mozambique government, shortly after its liberation from Portuguese colonial rule. He learned Portuguese and revealed a determination to test the organisation's skills, both in production and in marketing, against outside ing, which had Greater London Council funding for

PY CARRYING out water engineering consultan-cies in African countries, he established Twin's reputation for expert ise. And by ensuring that Twin supplied appropriate equipment with technical back-up for its own and other aid projects in Mozambique Senegal, Sahrawi and else where, he gave Twin Trading a record of honest and efficient dealing. The London-based agencies providing relief in the Eritrean war said his advice was indispensable. His insistence on customised equipment for different situstions was an innovation on a continent littered with abandoned, unsuitable equipment.

He worked with small-scale

Richard Day . . . Fair trader

zania and Uganda, and cocoa farmers in Ghana, producing for export. Not only did he establish commercially successful delivery systems, he also helped in the develop-ment of democratic village societies which took the marfarmers' company to which Day gave so much time, is a

memorial to his work. The basis of Richard Day's work was the creation of an "economy of trust" which could replace normal commercial practices of super-vision and control. Failures were never an occasion for giving up and turning to an-other supplier, as most comfor learning the lessons and working together to turn failure into success. This was no airy-fairy dream but a sev-erely practical task, to which brought his experience and innovative capacities. In the last four years, he took an Open University course which led to an MBA, with distinctions, and which

raised by his activities and so did the Manchester University development studies course on to which he subsequently enrolled. Day would think his work had failed if the organisations he worked with could not survice without hun, Yet all who knew him will miss his knowledge, wisdom, humour and comradeship. He leaves

part of his work. All his MBA

studies related to problems

loved son. Thomas. Michael Barratt Brown Richard Day, engineer and development expert, born April 23, 1948; died July 22, 1998

behind a partner and a much-

Birthdays

Pauline Clare, chief constable, Lancashire, 49; Blake Edwards, film director, 74; Susan George, actress, 46; Sir Peter Hall, diplomat. ambassador to Argentina, 58; Mick Jagger, Rolling Stone, 53; Barbara Jefford, actress, 66: Stanley Kubrick, film producer and director, 68; Danny La Rue, female impersonator, 69; Dr Brian Mawhinney, MP, chairman, Conservative Party, 56; Helen native to the mainstream. For him, trading was one part of working with Third World would indicate.

| Mirren. actress, 50; Sally their own hands. The success of KKL, the Chanaian small formers and their own hands. The success of KKL, the Chanaian small formers and their own hands. The success of KKL, the Chanaian small formers and their own hands. The success of KKL, the Chanaian small formers and their own hands. The success of KKL, the Chanaian small formers and their own hands. The success of their own hands are considered in their own hands. The success of their own hands are considered in their own hands. The success of their own hands are considered in their own hands. The success of their own hands are considered in their own hands. The success of their own hands are considered in their own hands are considered in the co 63; Sir Keith Peters, Regius prof of physic. University of Cambridge, 68; Jason Robards, actor, 74: Bernice Rubens, novelist, 68; Stephen Whittle, chief adviser, editorial policy, BBC, 51; Dr Anne Wright, vicechancellor. Sunderland University, 50.

Death Notices

BLACKABY Pater Norman of Wallon-on-Thamps thed suddonly in his 75th year Afric on holiday in Politican on 23rd July 1986 Pather of Dorothy, Chiver and Stephen: grandather of Anna, Johna, Like and William widower of Daphne Inse 2005 Norman Hayl, and Wargaret inse Sandrivi Much loved and already terroby and the Market of August, Fitwers to Path Office of August, Fitwers to Chilly 01822 842220 Messages Co Oliver, 3 Archibadd Road, Tutnell Park, London NY Goodbye and God bless

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Jackdaw



Chill out

I ARRIVED at Leary's house to find an ambulance outside his cryonics coffin. It turned out that a short time before, a team from the Cryo-Care Foundation — the outfit that was to undertake the freezing and preservation of Leary's brain upon his death --- had come in to remove all

its equipment. For some time tension had been been building up between CryoCare and Leary's crew. CryoCare felt that Leary's folks had shown disrespect for the equipment by decorating it with lights and various parties, expressing toys, and also believed that his disdain for the Leary crew

some people at the house had been trying to keep Cryo-Care's technicians away from Leary. More important CryoCare's Mike Darwin had grown alarmed about Leary's pronouncements on his plan to commit suicide live (so to speak) on the World Wide Web. Darwin did not feel that his organisation (whose brochure bears the motto, Many are cold, but few are frozen) could afford to be involved in what he termed a potential crime scene or that it should leave its equipment in a house where illegal drugs may be

present or used. For their part, the Leary folks had become increasingly put off by what they regarded as CryoCare's ghoulish interest in obtaining the head of Timothy Leary. The problem was exacerbated when they learned that a CryoCare offcial who would be involved with the decapitation and freezing process, Charles Platt, had an assignment to write about the operation for Wired magazine. (Platt had also been sending e-mail to

and his impatience with Leary for not dying as soon as had been expected. "What insane will to live," he wrote in one letter.)

In any event, CryoCare's actions left Leary facing a de-cision: he could either sign on quickly with another cryonics outfit or accept that his death would be final — that his brain would not be preserved for some indeterminate future attempt at reanimation. In the end he decided against cryonics. 'I have no real desire to do it," he told me. "I just felt it was my duty to futurism and

the process of smart dying." Leary's decision was not a small thing for him. He told me once that he did not believe anything survived beyond death, that if we posses a soul, then the soul is our mind, and the brain is the soul's home. By forgoing cryonics, Timothy Leary decided that even if he could, he would not return. His immortality. instead, would be his work and his legend, and it was his hope that these things would find an ongoing life on the

dream in his final season The American way of death 1996: Mikal Gilmore witnes a glitch in Timothy Leary's plans to become a "Cold Lazarus", Rolling Stone.

Milky ways

SIR, You published a photograph of Mr Heathcoat-Amory at his breakfast table (July 24). Can any person who permits a milk bottle on his table be considered fit to hold office? In the circumstances.

his resignation seems appropriate. MICHAEL BAULF. Tonbridge, Kent That's Tonbridge not Tunbridge A Daily Telegraph

heart of Tory rule.

reader spots the real rot at the

Ransna Wormbread ½ cup shortening

Really yummy? Tasty Insect Recines

• 15 cup sugar 2 bananas, mashed 2 cups flour 1 tsp soda 1 tsp salt

• 1/2 cup chopped nuts ¼ cup dry roasted army

WOLTHS Mix together all the ingredients. Bake in grease loaf pan at 350 degrees for about I hour. Rootworm Beetle Dip

 2 cups low-fat cottage ● 1½ tsp lemon juice 2 tablespoons skimmed

milk ½ cup reduced calorie • 1 tablespoon parsley, 1 tablespoon onion,

chopped • 1% tsp dill weed 14 tsp Beau Monde 1 cup dry-roasted Blend first three ingredients. Add remaining ingredients

and chill. Chocolate Chirple Chip Cookies 2¼ cups flour 1 tsp baking soda

1 tsp salt 1 cup butter, softened '. cup brown sugar 1 tsp vanilla

14 ounce chocolate chips

 1 cup chopped nuts
 1/2 cup dry-roasted crickets Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In small bowl, combine flour. baking soda and salt. In large bowl, combine butter, sugar and vanilla; beat until creamy. Beat in eggs. Gradually add flour mixture and

insects, mix well. Stir in choc olate chips. Drop by rounded measuring teaspoonfuls on to ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 8-10 minutes.



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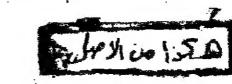
Aliens

Alien invasion flicks are a red herring. America has already been conquered. broinwashed, by a being from another planet. I have my doubts about whether men are from Mars and Women are from Venus, but I feel almost certain that you, John Gray — tireless peddler of Mars-Venus books, tapes and informercials — are speaking from Uranus. My theory is that you've

come from that planet of fro-zen gas to sow discord between men and women on earth by convincing them never to actually take the other at their word, never to believe that they might mean what they say. Ron Rosenbaum brings a bestseller down to earth in the New York Observer.

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Desmond Christy



The shadow chancellor is under siege from enemies within and without. He talks to LARRY ELLIOTT and MICHAEL WHITE

Fighting talk from embattled Mr Brown

mer for Gordon Brown. At Labour's annual Westminster beauty contest on Wednesday night, he dropped from third

Attacked by his own left-wingers over his clumsily presented plans to target child benefit in favour of poorer 16-to-18-year-olds, he was also criticised for what some saw as a lacklustre performance in the end-of-term debate on the economy

against Kenneth Clarke. Even the Treasury's "kids in the office" memo lost its shine when the chief author, Helen Goodman, turned out to be a Labour activist. Now the shadow chancellor is bracing himself for what he from the utilities in cahoots with Michael Heseltine.

The utilities and the Conservative Party are running a joint campaign, which is an amazing thing. The Conservative Party is the political arm of the utilities," says Mr Brown, adding that it is no coincidence that the high priests of right-wing spin — Sir Tim Bell and Maurice Sastchi work for the privatised industries and Central Office.

There is an element of the easy way out". dirty tricks in all this. The attacks are being mounted simultaneously and it is being suggested, quite wrongly, that I am backing down on the utilities tax. Michael Heseltine has a brief to work with the utilities to undermine the utilities tax.

Far from having a change of heart, the shadow chancellor insists that he is more determined than ever to tax the windfall profits of water, gas and electricity — the one spe-cific tax-raising pledge that he is allowed by Labour's preelection fiscal caution.

He cites the case of Thames Water, generous donors to the Conservative Party: "This is one of the most profitable

shadow cabinet elec-tions tell their own story: this has not been a happy sum-conductors huge in-comes, yet it doesn't pay mainstream corporation tax." Excess profits, minimal tax payments and under-investment constitute a potent elec tion target. While the utilities tax, coupled with a pledge to clamp down on corporate tax evasion, will be one of Mr Brown's main policy ideas as polling day looms.

It feeds into his over-arching theme, namely that the economy under Labour will be organised for the many. not the few. However, as Wednesday's vote suggests, the message has so far failed to ignite much enthusiasm. In his new office, the Clois ters in the neo-Gothic heart of

the Palace of Westminster, Mr Brown bridles at the no-tion that Labour's economic to that of Kenneth Clarke, and es as a pincer movement makes no apologies for his tough language on inflation and public spending. His view of the economy is

that the current upswing will sooner or later run into the sands of capacity constraints: his defence of macro-economic caution is that Labour lost in 1992 because it was seen as the party that "people thought taxed almost at will, saw every solution as a spending solution and always took the soft option, always took

Was this month's Road to the Manifesto statement fiscally cautious? "Yes. I make no apology for that. We will not be serving the people who depend on public services well if we attempt to run an unsustainable level of public spending and are forced to rein back at the expense of those people." The goal is sus-tainable levels of spending.

Labour in power, he insists, will represent a radical departure. At an institutional level, this will mean a revised Treasury mission statement, greater openness and a "real economy" unit inside Great George Street to study the causes of inequality and pov-

erty.
"In the past, efforts have



the consequences of poverty, compensating people for pov-erty: a really radical programme attacks the root causes of poverty."

Labour intends to achieve

this by using the windfall tax to get 250,000 people under 25 off benefit and into work, and by the now-notorious idea that child benefit should be abolished for the over 16s and the money used for an educa-tional maintenance allowance for the most needy.

In other words, despite all the broubaba, it is classically redistributive. Post-16 child benefit is only paid to those families whose children are

been concentrated on tackling | still at school, and this tended will be made after consultato benefit the better-off.
Money saved from abolishing this benefit could then be

used to persuade children from poorer families to be come better qualified.

"I am serious about tackling inequality, but you just can't say that there will be no change to anything you have change to anything. You have got to say where the resources are going to come from," says Mr Brown. The shadow chancellor

rejects the suggestion that Labour is going soft on the minimum wage. Despite commission to be set up after buge tax increas But Mr Brown said his de-

termination to act has hardened as a result of the recent explosion in low-paid work. "Catering trolley operators on the privatised railways have seen their wages cut from £3 to £1.10 an hour, with sick pay and no travel to work allowance. That is why we need a minimum wage At the other end of the scale, the big economic num-bers, Mr Brown is determined

audit of the Treasury's books to ascertain what is cyclical

and what is structural, and why VAT and corporation tax receipts have fallen so unexpectedly. "A quite incredible large number of companies pay no tax at all, when they are making substantial prof

He wants an indep

He added: "I want a full de bate on the state of public finances in the run-up to No-vember. It is not in the public pressure from the unions, the bers, Mr Brown is determined interest that we fight the electroposition has refused to set to prevent Ken Clarke getting tion on a false basis. Everya rate, saying that a decision | away with what Norman | one was deceived in 1992."

MPs urge clamp on petrol firms

petition authori-ties yesterday to clamp down on petrol companies, amid warnings of some retailers being squeezed and forecourt prices rising, particularly in rural

After the latest in a string of inquiries into the petrol market, the Commons trade and industry select committee concluded that there was no case for a general reference of the industry to the Monopolies and Mergers

But MPs said that the sector required constant moni-toring by the Office of Fair Trading and called for the Government to give the OFT greater powers to investigate and stamp out any anti-com-

petitive abuses.

The report follows a series of inquiries into an industry which has long been accused of artificially inflating prices, allegations it has always

strongly denied.

The MMC investigated the industry in 1965, 1979 and 1990, while in the same year the OFT investigated allegations of profiteering during the Gulf War and then did a follow-up study for the MMC

in 1993.
This latest inquiry by the committee, its second, follows a radical shake-up after the entry of supermarket chains into the market and the introduction this year of the special "pricewatch" scheme

The committee concludes, in a report published yester-day, that intense competition between the leading oil companies and hypermarkets is delivering lower prices to consumers and that a full investigation by competition authorities is

mnecessary. But, it adds: "We recognise that a decline in competition in petrol retailing could have serious consequences.

"Therefore, we believe it necessary for the OFT to institute a regime of continuous monitoring and for the direc-tor general of Fair Trading to have the power to take imme-diate action against compa-

nies acting in an anti-compet-itive manner."

The MPs say that the committee has repeatedly called for the Government to shakeup competition rules and note that it has recently signalled its willingness to do so. The committee urges ministers to

grant tougher powers to the director general "as a matter of urgency". The Conservative-dominated committee rejected arguments from BP that it was ing as a local activity and that retailers had no ability to im-

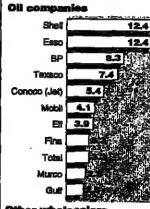
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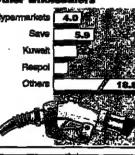
The committee believed that there was a threat in some areas, particularly remote rural areas, that if small retailers were to close in significant numbers, bigger players could build up local monopolies and abuse

their market power. It said the OFT should pay particular attention to detecting the emergence of local monopolies.

the volume

Retail market shares, January 1996 % of retail sites at





News in brief

Britannia to review 20,000 policies

BRITANNIA Building Society yesterday began a review of 20,000 life and investment policies after the suspension of ilmost one-fifth of its sales force. An internal review found they were failing to follow recognised procedures. The society said customers were not affected by the actions of 39 of its 184 sales epresentatives and stressed there was no evidence of misselling. However, if the review discovered any customers were wrongly advised they would be compensated.

Staff concerned were selling Britannia Life insurance and

investment products, such as Peps and unit trusts, to existing Britannia customers from branches all over the country. A review carried out by Price Waterhouse at Britannia's reques showed that staff were not following correct procedures.—

Lloyds TSB will show you can still bank on loans

Outlook

Sarah Whitebloom

HO would have thought it? Certainly not three of our Big Four high street banks. Retail banking is emerging as the glamour end of the market. It is the area which will be the focus of the City's thinking as the banks' results season begins today with interims from Lloyds TSB — the one that did think it.

Unlike Barclays, NatWest and the Midland (now owned by HSBC), Lloyds never ing bug. While its competitors | banking profits have always | suffer from a £690 million

were setting up prestigious City operations and talking about becoming international financial institutions, Lloyds plugged away at what it knew best — retail banking.

It came in for a lot of stick. After all, while its competitors were making huge profits from foreign exchange dealing, Lloyds was conspicuously not Critics even wrote Lloyds off as not being in the game any more. But it doggedly followed the strategy and at-tempted to turn itself into the retail bank, first by an abortive bid for the Midland and then successful takeovers of the Cheltenham & Gloucester rather clever. Investment

income — some years you US operation, Bancorp.)
make it, some years you lose Few surprises are exp provide real growth

Bad debts, which for so long dominated results, are at a cyclical low point, so there will be little added value this time round from lower provisions. It is old-fashioned lending that is forecast to boost the bottom.

Over the next couple of weeks, the six retail banks are set to unveil total pre-tax prof its, before exceptionals, of more than £6 billion — a building society and the TSB.

Now Lloyds is looking year's £5.5 billion. (NatWest's rather clever. Investment post-exceptionals profit will

Few surprises are expected, although if dividends are not it. But this reporting season, more than ever, the City is looking to retail earnings to disappointment. But the focus will be on the higher retail contributions and particularly how well the banks are doing in terms of cost savings and

> Lending across the board not just mortgages — is ex-pected to be well up. Although THE BANK ACCOUNTS

cross-selling.

Lloyds TSB Group

been regarded as poor-quality | write-off from the sale of its | this will be welcomed, it | again, Lloyds is perceived to income — some years you US operation, Bancorp.) | brings fears of another bad- | have been more clever than

debt cycle. With new control systems in place, the banks are more con-fident about loan quality, but there are fears that this will suffer in the scramble to lend. tion about how long the cur-rent favourable interest rate margins can be sustained. Because of this, cross-selling

> Interim Pre Tex Profit Em Estimated

will be under scrutiny. Once

ing in brand names such as C&G makes attempts to cross-sell easier and brings in additional customers. Some movement in cost/income ratio is also expected from the clearers. Despite the job cuts and branch closures

the rest. Its strategy of invest-

throughout the sector, there has been precious little to show in terms of cost savings. The development of investment banking arms comes into this equation, too. As one analyst said: "What's the

noint in cutting staff in the branch network? They aren't paid very much ... but the banks have cut them out and replaced them with merchant bankers - who are."

Rebel Names urged to settle

ONE of Lloyd's of London's most active adversaries — the Feltrim Names Association — was yesterday advised by its chairman to accept the insurance market's £3.1 billion settlement offer. Damon de Laszlo told a meeting of Feltrim Names — who have so far recovered an average £81,000 per head through legal action against Lloyd's — that the package was greater than could be recovered through the courts.

At the same time, the Association of Lloyd's Members warned thousands of action group members that they were unlikely to get a better deal by rejecting the settlement and fighting a fraud action against the market. — Sarah Whitebloom

Scottish TV confident

SCOTTISE Television was last night confident its £120 million bid for Caledonian Publishing, owner of the Glasgow Herald, would escape monopolies hurdles. The deal — finalised at abou \$20 million more than Caledonian was expected to raise through a stock market floation — will, however, mean Scottish will have to "warehouse" its new publishing operations until the Government's relaxed media ownership rules come into force in the

The television company plans to expand into magazine publishing and hopes that by becoming larger it will become a less easy ITV takeover target. — Lisa Buckingham



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Company serves DTI with writ and threatens to withhold payments as North Sea revenues dispute worsens | Notebook

British Gas sues in tax row Trade motors in

Chris Barrie Business Corre

was yesterday em-broiled in an unprecedented legal battle with British Gas and 25 oil companies over North Sea tax revenues worth

In a move that raises the stakes in the battle between British Gas and the oil industry over hefty losses on \$40 billion worth of take-orpay contracts, the company issued a writ against the trade and industry department claiming back tax paid

British Gas also announced that it would withhold future tax worth about £30 million a year arising from the dis-

puted contracts.

The legal battle relates to gas produced at eight North Sea fields including two of the biggest, the Brent and Forties fields.

fields.

After the writ was issued on Wednesday — and in a move to protect taxpayers being landed with the bill — the DTI immediately threatened to countersue 27 oil and gas companies licensed to produce gas from the relevant fields. Named in the DTI action are, among others, action are, among others, British Gas, Shell, BP, Conoco, Elf, Mobil and Esso.

not believe British Gas's interpretation of the law was correct. The Government had to reserve its right to raise the money from the oil and

gas industry. The DTI added that it would not "at present expect to pro-ceed" with its claim against North Sea companies "unless BG proceeds with its claims BG proceeds with its claims against the Department". BG declined to say yester-

day when it would step up its legal action by serving the writ and setting the dispute firmly on course for the courts. While it wanted an amicable solution, it had amicable solution, it had retained counsel to fight the

Last year the tax — the gas levy — raised 2150 million and is set at 4p per therm.

Over ten years, BG has paid 1822 billion to the Exchequer 1824 billion to the courts 2824 billion to the Exchequer 2824 billion to the Exchequer 2824 billion to the courts 2824 billion to the Exchequer 2824 is 2 billion to the levy which was imposed on gas originally exempt from petroleum revenue tax. The levy was introduced

in 1981 when the Government acted to ensure the taxpayer would benefit from high enerthe contracts and the legisla-tion over ten years could ex-empt it from the liability in

The company indicated yes terday it had assured minis-ters that its action was defen-

issue a writ by today or see its right to take action lapse.
One large oil company described British Gas's behavious as "bizarre". Another international group said it was typical of "British Gas's constant squealing".
Oil companies said they believed BG was stepping up pressure for a resolution of its attempts to renegotiate the terms of long term take-orpsy contracts relating to North See gas fields. The contracts commit BG to take gas tracts commit BG to take gas at high prices and are imposing heavy losses on its trad-ing division.

Should it win, BG would win back £1 billion and boost profits at its trading arm, British Gas Energy, which is to be formed when the company splits in two next spring BGE holds the costly take-or-pay contracts, and the existing trading subsidiary issued the writ against the

Government Talks aimed at resolving Talks aimed at resolving the take-ot-pay contracts are understood to be under way with a number of oil groups, but have so far failed to yield results. Yesterday one oil company dismissed BG's efforts to renegotiate the contracts. It said BG had failed to come un with constructive come up with constructive proposals.



Edited by Mark Milner

ORGET inflation. For as long as anyone can remember it has been balance of payments that has been the Achilles' heel of

has been the Admines hear of the British economy. Now, it appears, all that is changing. The latest trade figures show that despite the evident signs of consumer-led activity is British and the starnation signs of consumer-led activity in Britain and the stagnation in the rest of Europe — classic conditions for a surge in imports — the UK's current account shortfall with the European Union slipped from \$554 million to £171 million last month. last month.

To ministers, this comes as no surprise. It is, they claim, the result of the massive in-ward investment into Britain over the past 10 years, which has boosted exports of cars and other consumer goods.

Up to a point this is true. The deficit in cars, which was running at a whopping \$300 million a month during the Lawson boom of the late 1980s, has been halved to £150 million in the latest three months. The arrival of Nissan, Toyota and Honda has done the trick with the voldone the trick, with the volume of car exports 25 per cent higher in the quarter ending May than they were in the three months to February.

But not so fast. The pick-up since the winter reflects an abnormal patiern of trade around the turn of the year, and the comparison with the late 1980s doesn't look quite so clever when car compo-nents are taken into account. Back in 1988, the UK was runground £250 million.

Sure, we are exporting if the Toyota effect trickles down through the motor industry. But to believe that Britain has cured its post-war malaise would be, to say the least, premature.

Gloves off again

RITISH Gas is pretty sood at picking fights. It is currently at logger heads with its regulator over price caps for its TransCo pipelines business and is facg the threat of referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It is at war with North Sea oil and gas producers over £40 billion worth of long-term "take or pay" gas contracts. Not so long ago it was at the centre of the storm over executive pay and perks. As if that were not enough esterday it threw out a legal challenge to the Government

over the payment of tax on North Sea gas. The numbers

involved are impressive the company is reserving its right to reclaim a third of a 23 billion bill for a gas levy paid over the past 10 years. A clearly-surprised Department of Trade and Industry is resisting the claim. Despite denials the affair may not be entirely unrelated to the "take and pay" impasse or at least may not proceed separately from it. Whatever the case, the DTI has taken the precaution of issuing writs

precaution of Issuing writs against 27 oil and gas companies for the same amount to ensure that the taxpayer does not end up footing the bill.

To be fair, British Gas's truthles are not all self.in. troubles are not all self-in-flicted. It signed up for the "take-or-pay contracts" at a time when it was still a monopoly supplier, with the obligations that entailed. It was the Government, not British Gas, which decided to make a headlong dash for competi-tion, having bungled the orig-

inal privatisation. But the company does have a very full plate. It is in the final throes of splitting into two divisions: TransCo and British Gas Energy. It is preparing for full competition in 1998. Neither is an easy task. New executives — younger and more attuned to the market — have been brought in to tackle the challenges facing the company. They will win few plaudits for picking fights unless they can start winning a few, too.

Unhelpful surprise

Bundesbank has suc-cessfully ambushed the financial markets. Indeed, catching the markets on the hop has become such a favourite Bundesbank pastime that the biggest surprise is that anyone should be

surprised. Nonetheless, yesterday's decision by the German central bank's ruling council to leave the repo rate unchanged at 3.30 per cent — in the face of expectations that it would either reduce it or post a veriable tender to allow the mar-kets to push rates down does not solve the German central bank's conundrum about the recent strength of

the mark against the dollar. Market practitioners may feel a grudging admiration for the Bundesbank's habitual determination not to be pushed around - though yesterday at least some analysts were expressing the view that they had been misled by recent pronouncements from some Bundesbank council

More to the point, that disppointment brought a swift and, for German exporters at least, unwelcome response in the shape of a fall in the dollar against the mark - down more than a pfennig at

DM1.4750 at one stage.

The snag for the Bundesbank is that in disappointing market expectations this time round it has undermined its ability to talk down the mark against the dollar in future. No doubt that will allow it

to surprise the markets again in future. In the mean German industry will have to cope with an uncomfortable exchange rate.

gap with the European Union 2985 million. dropping to £171 million in City analysts — who had Mortgage reins tugged

Isn Lang, the Trade Secretary, said: "I am delighted to see exports to Europe doing

so well. Exports in the last three months have been in re-

The ONS said sales to the continent had risen by 1.5

per cent in May, while im-

per cent in May, while imports had fallen by 3.3 per cent. The buoyant performance of UK exporters in Europe helped cut the global deficit from £1.36 billion to cost william.

June — compared with pencilled in a more modest £554 million the previous improvement in the trade out-

Building society regulator wants prudence, says RACHEL BAIRD

Building societies were warned yesterday to be more vigilant about checking borrowers' ability to repay

In its annual report for the year to March 1996, the Building Societies Commission said it expects societies to "set prudent limits" to discounted and fixedrate mortgages. Some societles, including Cheltenham & Gloucester and Britannia, have aiready cut

edged the intense competi-

tion which has given rise to discounts. Lenders were

competing for a shinking

market last year, as net

ments) fell to £15 billion,

market from 72 per cent in 1994 to 94 per cent in 1995. A fall in provisions and losses of about a quarter, plus a higher net interest income, helped building societies to a retained surplus of 0.78 per cent of mean assets, up from 0.74 per cent in 1994.



from £19 billion in 1994. conversion to PLCs and two others had agreed to bank takeovers, which will cut others had agreed to bank takeovers, which will cut the assets in the building societies sector by about 60 per cent, according to the commission. In March 1996 there were 80 societies authorised to take deposits. Commenting on the com-mission's warnings, UBS

look — welcomed the upbeat

figures on EU trade, especially given bouyant demand on Britain's high street and

continued weakness in France and Germany.

Kevin Darlington, UK econ-

omist at the brokers Hoare Govett, said: "The strengthen-ing export trend gives the lie

to the view that manufactur

Economists pointed to more

robust three-monthly compar-isons as evidence of underly-

ing exporters

uncompetitive."

building societies analyst, Rob Thomas, said societies were placing prudent limits on discounted and fixedrate mortgage lending. Attracting new business with these deals was less risky than buying whole books of mortgage business, the quality of which is difficult to assess in advance.

• The Cheltenham Gloucester yesterday reported pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30 of £160.8 million, up from £119 million in the five months to December 31 1995. The society was taken over by Lloyds Bank in August last year. Provi-sions for bad and doubtful debts were down by a quarter to £15 million but the society's net interest mar-gin fell from 2.14 per cent to 1.74 per cent.

£5m wiped off BT profits as redundancy costs take toll

Simon Beavis

BRITISH Telecom, still searching for an agreement with its regulator over future price caps to avoid a clash with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, reported a £5 million drop in first-quarter profits to £869 million yesterday as higher redundancy costs took their toll.

The company, which axed 300 jobs during the period, recorded the fall in profits despite a 4.1 per cent increase in sales to 23.64 billion and said it reflected the impact of tough price controls on its regulated activities. The company refused to

comment on its protracted run-in with Don Cruickshank, the director general of Oftel, over new price controls due to come in after 1997 and his demand for extra powers

to investigate anti-compe tive behaviour by BT. The regulator has given the company until next Friday to accept the proposals but there is speculation that the Department of Trade and Industry might broker a solution by promising new legislation. BT has made it clear that

the powers being sought by the watchdog will leave it without a right of appeal but refused to say yesterday if it was any closer to settling the

BT said that price caps had knocked £130 million off sales in the quarter but that this was offset by a boom in the sale of mobile phones. The group said redundancy costs for the whole year would total around \$400 million.

Computer group IBM gave a powerful lift to Wall Street yesterday when it reported better than expected second quarter profits of \$1.84 billion.

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Australia 1.9050 France 7,58
Austria 15.74 Germany 2.2400
Belgium 48.07 Greece 359.00
Hong Kong 11.71
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ning a small monthly deficit of around 250 million in components, now it is running at more cars. But let's be clear: these vehicles are largely made up of parts previously imported. Of course, the picture may improve as the European markets pick up or Away draw . . . John Moores, 67, eldest son of the late Sir John Moores—creator of the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, in the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, when the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, in the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, in the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, and the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, and the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, and the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, and the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, and the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, and the football pools—yesterday amounted his retirement as a Littlewoods non-executive director in October, and the football pools of the later state and the later state and the football pools of the later state and the later

Export boom cuts UK

cord levels."

Hays holds merger talks with Saivesen

Paul Wurphy THE £2.5 billion merger of two of Britain's bestknown business services groups. Hays and Christian Salvesen, was under discus-

sion yesterday. Hays, run by Ronnie Frost, was forced to declare its interest by the City's Takeover Panel following a sharp rise in the price of Salvesen's shares. Shares in Salvesen, which is a leading distributor of food

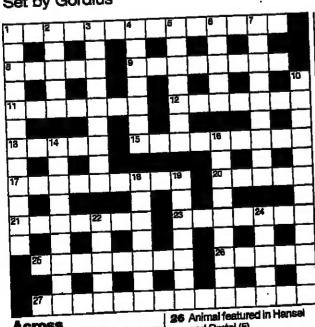
to supermarkets, jumped 60p to 349p, valuing the Edinburgh-based firm at just over

trade gap to £171m Hays is thought to have approached Salvesan this week with a view to hammering out

agreed terms.

Guardian Crossword No 20,715

Set by Gordius



Across 1 Cecil and Frank in Wessex

8 A man is bound to take her niece's part (5)

2 Wisdom of Troy, for example? (8) 11 Reaction of French at destruction of Parls? ... (7)

12 ... Free French article witten about the battle (7) 13 Breed a Calm (5)

15 Well used equipment (5,4) 17 Nude actor should be primed before putting this

far from 11 (5) 21 Frank is a versatile artisan (7)

20 Mood of the church, always

23 It's not hard to see this isn't Howard's Way (7) 25 it's a good car - take it out

and Gretel (5) engaged in local operations (7,7) 27 Top brass encourage one

Down

1 Spender rules out need for economy (7,5) 2 Connections with holes (5)

3 Cast with a model audience -- it makes one weep (4,1,4) 4 Separate fashionable

quarters from ship's company (7) 5 Exercises almost cause pain together with health

tood (7) 6 See some calls are cheaper than others (5) 7 Acquaint with trade

10 Comic character in 11 and

reduction (9)

upset (9,3)

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14 Contract in choppers (9) 16 is he fond of his relations? (9) 18 Instrument used by Captain

in vocal number (7) 19 Stories about New Testament topic (7) 22 Expedition on which explorer

sets out, accompanied by trotters? (5) 24 Remove from script but

leave as in before (5)

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Richard Thomas Economics Corres

OOMING exports to Bootinental Europe have trimmed the UK's

trade deficit and given a fresh

dose of optimism to hard-pressed manufacturers. With Conservative div-

isions over Europe dominat-ing the end of the parliamen-

tary session, ministers seized on figures published yester-day by the Office for National

Statistics showing the trade

back on discount deals. The commission acknowl-

Meanwhile, the sector is set to shrink dramatically. mortgages, especially the set to shrink dramateau.

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